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INCOME TAX FOR HONG KONG DISCUSSED Taxation Committee's Recommendations

Opinions opposing any increase in rates, except as a last resource, expressing doubt as to the practicability and equity of a Corporation Profits Tax, and giving qualified approval of the introduction of an income tax, are contained in the Report of the Taxation Committee laid on the table in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The Committee recommends as minor measures, if further taxation is considered necessary, substantial increases in the school fees of European schools,

An increase in the betting duty.

Higher royalties from the Telephone Company; royalties from the gas and electricity companies;

Conversion of the taxi companies into a royalty-paying public utility company on a monopoly basis;

Increases in the duties on liquor and motor spirit, up to an increase of \$1,000,000 annually.

The Committee finds that the advantages of income tax over all other forms are overwhelming from the point of view of equity, and that, if it be considered that the tax is capable of successful administration in the Colony, it should be imposed as soon as additional revenue on a substantial scale becomes a necessity.

It is suggested that the yield might be of the order of \$5,000,000 annually, on a basis of 5 per cent., allowing for reasonably generous personal, family and other allowances.

The Committee suggests 10 per cent. as the maximum rate of income tax and assumes that its introduction would be followed by remissions in other forms of taxation, which would offer opportunity of a further simplification of the taxation system and render possible the abolition of various minor irritating taxes, besides making unnecessary any of the "minor" increases recommended, as possible, above.

FIVE QUALIFICATIONS

The recommendations concerning Income Tax are, however, qualified in five ways:

(a) We must not be taken as expressing the opinion that such substantial extra revenue is actually necessary; in so far as more revenue is needed owing to the growth of the Colony that very

growth is likely automatically to increase the revenue, while it is outside our province to consider how far it may be needed to finance new or improved services.

(b) The possibility of the successful working of the tax should first be the subject of a detailed investigation with the assistance of an expert, preferably familiar with the collection of the tax in an Eastern country.

NEW DEPARTURE

(c) The imposition of the tax involves a new departure in fiscal policy. We assume that it would not be passed through Council by the use of the official majority and that unofficial members of Council will expect to receive, before agreeing to the

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Bitten by his own dog, Mr. J. J. Grover, of No. 215 Fa Yuen Street, Mongkok, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. The dog has been removed to Mautau-kok for observation.

Mr. R. W. H. Maynard, of No. 5, Garden Terrace, reported to the last night that his car, No. 2173, was stolen from the Star Ferry Car Park between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

JAPANESE STAY IN ARAMIS FOR AN HOUR

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese naval party which boarded the French liner Aramis remained on board for an hour, according to foreign reports.

Despite the captain's protest the party made a detailed examination of the ship's papers.

It is understood the French authorities will make a very strong protest against the incident, a full report on which is being sent to Paris.

The Aramis is arriving in Shanghai to-morrow afternoon on schedule. — Reuter.



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Queen Will Phone From Her Palace On Rails

Montreal, May 11.

The Blue Train, which for a month will be the rolling palace of the King and Queen during their tour of Canada, is ready, after tests more severe than the trials of a new liner, to start across the continent next Tuesday.

The train, decorated throughout in the Queen's favourite colour, royal blue, is the most elaborate ever assembled.

It consists of five private cars, given up for the time being by their wealthy owners.

Every car but the one to be occupied by Canada's Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, is air-conditioned. His is not, because he does not like air-conditioning.

TRAIN HAS OWN POST OFFICE

There are radios in every coach. A telephone system connects the cars so that the King and Queen can phone any member of their party from the gilt instruments in their private suites.

Every day wires will be connected to the system to enable the King and Queen to speak direct from the train to their daughters in London.

The train has its own post office—postal address Royal Train, Canada—and all letters posted on board will bear a special stamp.

Floodlights have been fitted to some of the coaches, so the train will be unmistakable as it passes across the prairie at night.

Each car has been stripped of its interior decorations, and has been panelled in fine mahogany, oak and maple.

The King's own suite consists of a spacious bedroom, living room and study, and the Queen's suite is just as large. Bathrooms and dressing-rooms are attached to each suite.

On the hush-hush trial trip from Quebec to Smith's Falls and back the train was put through its paces.

Although it will hardly ever travel more than thirty-five miles

NAZI NAMES FOR EX-COLONIES

In news bulletins broadcast from German stations the announcers refer now always to "Deutsch Sued-West Afrika" and "Deutsch Ostafrika" when speaking of the territories of South-West Africa and Tanganyika.

It is significant that before the coup of March 15 the Nazi Press and officials used to refer to the rump State of Czechoslovakia as "Gau Dreizehn" ("Nazi district No. 13").

CARGO TRADE DISCRIMINATION AT TSINGTAO

London, To-day.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister said the Foreign Secretary had seen unofficial reports that a number of Japanese steamers and one German vessel had cleared from Tsingtao with direct cargo for Europe and North America during March.

No mention was made of any clearances by British or American vessels.

The Foreign Secretary had, however, no official confirmation of these reports.

As regards the proportion of Tsingtao shipments to Europe formerly carried in British ships, the figures for 1935 and 1936 were approximately 36 and 62 per cent.

Actual tonnage carried in 1936, however, showed some decrease on that in 1935. — Reuter.

an hour during the tour, it was stepped up to eighty miles an hour to test its stability and smoothness.

The train was halted, backed and shunted. Engineers went over every spring, every bearing, every piece of electrical equipment.

And then it was decided that the Blue Train was indeed fit for a King.

Murder Planes Active

Macao, To-day.

THE death roll in yesterday's Japanese bombing of Shekki exceeds 40.

The victims, who were awaiting transportation to Macao, were fleeing from the Japanese controlled regions of Shintak and Kongmoon.

Refugees are again pouring into Macao, and report a heavy loss of life at Shekki due to machine-gunning from Japanese planes.

A towboat has entered Macao with 11 wounded by machine-gun bullets. — Reuter.

SWATOW AND CHAOYANG GIVEN STRAFE

SWATOW, TO-DAY.

SHORTLY AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF A LARGE JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER OUTSIDE THE HARBOUR YESTERDAY MORNING A SQUADRON OF NINE PLANES FLEW OVER THE PORT AND DROPPED BOMBS.

Later in the day, eight Japanese machines flew in the direction of Chaoyang.

Last night, messages from Chaoyang stated that some 20 bombs fell in the city, causing considerable damage and wounding and killing many civilians.

This morning the aircraft carrier was still anchored outside the harbour and it is feared that raids will be continued to-day.—Our Own Correspondent.

FIRES IN CHAOYANG

Swatow, Later.

Early this morning fires were still raging in Chaoyang following the bombing by Japanese planes yesterday.

Compulsory evacuation is being enforced and free transportation into the interior is being supplied by the Chinese authorities.

Steamboats plying between Swatow and Chaoyang and Kityang are now only operating at night.—Our Own Correspondent.

CIANO HOME

Rome, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, returned from Berlin yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

HONESTY!

Kobe, May 9.

"Bulls reacted very favourably to the news of the ghastly Japanese air raids on Chungking," says the "Japan Chronicle" in its Stock Exchange review this morning. — Reuter.

Cabinet Change Chatter

London, To-day.

Extension of the Cabinet will be undertaken in the near future, says the "Daily Express."

Object will be to introduce "new blood" into the Government in order to increase the sources of specialised knowledge within the Cabinet and to relieve Ministers now overburdened with responsibility.

The "Daily Express," however, says there will be no important decision on the matter before the return of the King and Queen from Canada next month.

The "Daily Express" says the view prevails in well-informed circles that the Cabinet must be strengthened by the addition of new men with administrative experience.

There can be no denying, says the paper, that Mr. Chamberlain and some other Ministers have

been very much affected by the continuous crises of the last two years.

MAKEE-LEARNS

One proposal now under consideration is that a number of "learner Ministers," forming a "shadow Cabinet," should be admitted to the Cabinet, as it were, as "understudies," so that in an emergency they could take over all the functions of the Cabinet should gaps occur. — Trans-Ocean.

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FIFTEEN SAVED FROM SUBMARINE

Eleven Feared Drowned OTHERS STILL IN SHIP

Portsmouth (New Hampshire), To-day.
Fifteen of the 59 crew of the sunken United States Submarine Squalus have been saved. They came to the surface yesterday from the trapped vessel by means of the rescue chamber device.

Thirty-three men are still alive in the submarine, according to survivors, but 11 men are feared to have been drowned when the chamber in which they were in was flooded.

Yesterday a diver hooked a line to the submarine and the rescue chamber was lowered to the Squalus, 240 feet under water.

Attempt To Dodge Issue

Tokyo, To-day.
THE Japanese Foreign Office spokesman yesterday described the British and American contention that the present abnormal conditions precluded any change in the status of the administrative framework of the International Settlement as "an attempt to dodge the issue."

Meanwhile, the Japanese Navy is enforcing the suspension of junk traffic between Kulangsu and the mainland of China from 6 o'clock this evening.

The Japanese Consul-General at Amoy has informed the foreign Consular Body and the Municipal Council to this effect.

The Domei news agency understands that infringement of the suspension will involve heavy penalties. — Reuter.

HARBINGER OF TROUBLE?

Shanghai, To-day.
Conferring with the Japanese Government for 11 days, Mr. Yoshioka Miura, Japanese Consul-General for Shanghai, left Tokyo yesterday on his return trip.

It is believed that on his return, further pressure will be brought upon the authorities of the French Concession and the International Settlement in connection with the Japanese demand for reorganising the Shanghai Municipal Council and for the modification of the Land Regulations. — Our Own Correspondent.

Through tapped signals on the hull, those imprisoned in the submarine reported that those alive in the forward chamber could only account for 33 of the 59 men on board.

They also signalled that they were reasonably warm and had plenty of food, but light and power had both failed.

TRAPPED IN FLOODED CHAMBER

Contact was established in this manner with every section of the submarine except the torpedo room, which is believed to be totally flooded.

Some of the crew are thought to have been trapped and drowned here.

Seven survivors reached the surface in the rescue chamber on the first trip, and later eight more of the crew were rescued at the second descent.

The first survivors revealed that 25 of their companions were definitely still alive. — Reuter.

EXPANSION OF NETHERLANDS FLEET

The Hague, To-day.

An increase of three battleships in the Netherlands East Indian Fleet, in view of the Japanese naval expansion, was urged in the Senate yesterday by Professor Lohman, leader of the Christian Historical group.

Prof. Lohman said that reinforcement of the East Indies would be important for Australia.

He declared the British were paying £14 per head for defence, while the Dutch were paying only a fifth of that amount and could well afford more. — Reuter.

QUEEN MARY BETTER

London, To-day.

An official medical report issued at Marlborough House at 6.40 last evening says that Queen Mary's progress after her motor accident is taking a satisfactory course, though stiffness and pain are troublesome.

The X-Ray examination excludes any damage to the bones, and the condition of the eye is improving. — Reuter.

PRINCESS LOUISE SERIOUSLY ILL

London, To-day.

Princess Louise, the only surviving daughter of Queen Victoria, has fallen seriously ill.

The Princess is 91 years old. — Trans-Ocean.

QUEEN MARY'S EYE INJURY

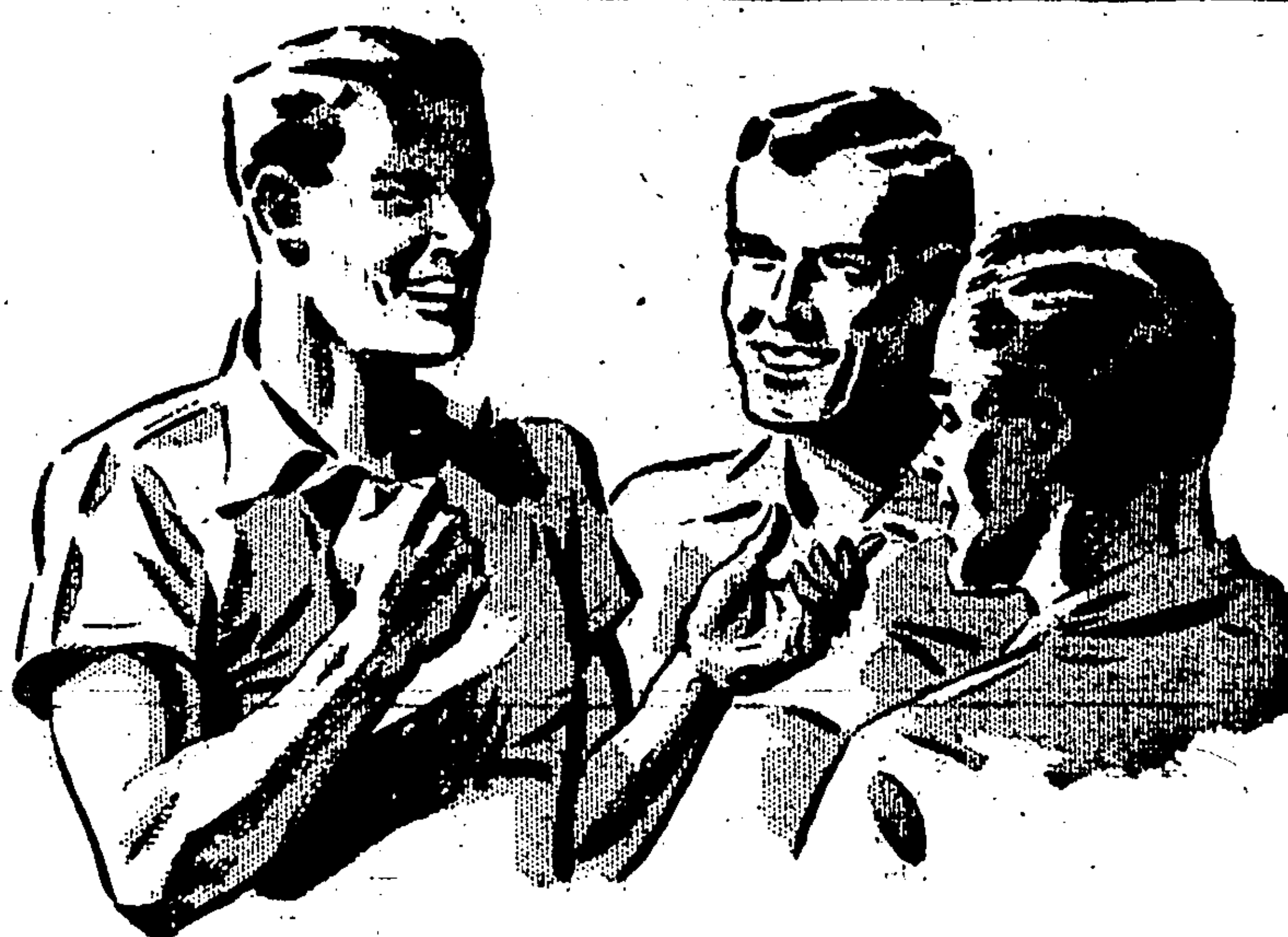
London, To-day.

Queen Mary is suffering from a slight but painful injury to an eye, according to a bulletin, which adds that the general condition of the patient is satisfactory.

The nationwide sympathy found an eloquent expression in all papers, while since early yesterday morning an unceasing stream of visitors belonging to all classes of the population has been pouring into Marlborough House to make enquiries.

It is stated that King George and Queen Elizabeth had a telephonic conversation with Queen Mary last evening.

Even the popular interest in the result of the Derby yesterday afternoon was overshadowed by the concern for Queen Mary. — Trans-Ocean.

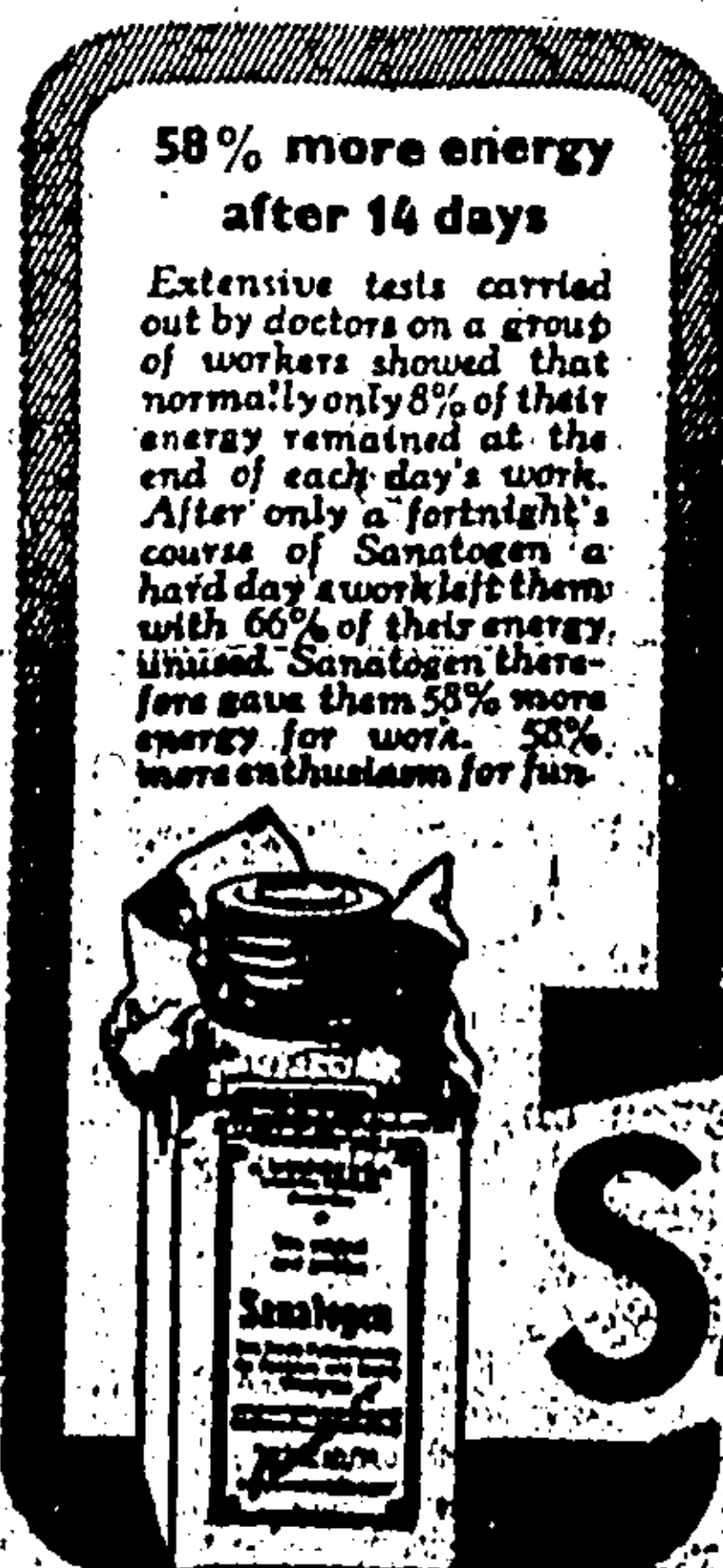


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DANZIG CHARGES AGAINST THE POLES

Danzig, To-day.
THE President of the Senate, Herr Greiser, has lodged a further sharp protest with the Polish Government against alleged violations of the territory of the Free City, according to an announcement made yesterday afternoon.

The note addressed to Poland by President Greiser is said to have made the following six allegations:

- (1) within a few days several harmless passers-by have been fired on in Danzig territory near the frontier by Polish soldiers.
- (2) an official commission of investigation appointed by the Danzig authorities was prevented by Polish soldiers from carrying out its activities in the territory of the Free City.
- (3) Polish soldiers on patrol duty have repeatedly crossed into Danzig territory.
- (4) Polish military planes have repeatedly flown over Danzig territory.
- (5) A harmless excursionist was murdered at Kalthof by the chauffeur of representatives of the Polish Diplomatic Corps.
- (6) The murderer was taken into safety across the Polish frontier by officials of the Polish diplomatic agency.

The note goes on to say that it was only thanks to the discipline of the Danzig officials and the population that order in Danzig could still be maintained.

The Polish Government is requested to take the necessary measures for restoring order on the Danzig frontier and for checking excesses by officials and others in its services.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER'S HOPES ABOUT DANZIG AFFAIR

London, To-day.
Hope that the recent incident at Danzig would not be permitted to lead to graver complications, was expressed by the Prime Minister at Commons question time when he gave the House such information as was in the possession of the Foreign Secretary regarding the events at Kalthof on Sunday.

Mr. Chamberlain said that according reports received in the Foreign Office, demonstrations were made on May 21 against the Polish customs house at Kalthof, within Danzig territory on the East Prussian border.

There was a conflict of evidence as to the nature and results of these demonstrations.

The Polish Commissioner-General in Danzig sent representatives to

GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.
The War Office is asking the Government for instructional and administration personnel to assist in the training of the militia shortly to be called up under the Compulsory Military Training Act, by offering re-enlistment to particular classes of Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers.—British Wireless.

PIANO-MAKERS ACCUSED

Two piano makers, Kong Sau, 20, and Tang Wah, 20, were before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with obtaining six dozen brass hinges and six pieces of steel from No. 59 Wanchai Road, by false pretences.

It was alleged that defendants obtained the goods from 59 Wanchai Road, by stating that they were sent by the Tsang Fook Piano Company.

Defendants denied the charges. Sergeant J. Evans, told the Court that the Police knew nothing of the case till defendants went to the Station with complaints of assault by their master.

Tsang Fook, the proprietor of the Company, said that defendants were employed as apprentices. He had found out that the goods were obtained, but could not find out who did it.

After hearing evidence, Mr. Houston adjourned the case to Monday.

DANZIG REJECTS POLISH NOTE

DANZIG, TO-DAY.
DANZIG HANDED TWO NOTES TO THE POLISH REPRESENTATIVE HERE YESTERDAY IN REPLY TO THE POLISH PROTEST AGAINST THE KALTHOF INCIDENTS.

The Notes decline to accept the Polish version and reject the Polish demands.

The Danzig Government demands that Poland recall the Counsellor of the Legation, M. Perkovsky, the customs inspector, M. Swida, and another official named Sziller, who were involved in the incidents.—Trans-Ocean.

BURIED UNDER SALT BAGS

Three coolies carrying bags of salt into a factory at To Kwa Wan Road were injured yesterday as the result of 20 or 30 bags falling on them from a huge pile standing against the wall.

All three were taken to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from strained backs and other injuries.

investigate the affair and—in circumstances of which accounts also differed very widely—a Danzig citizen was killed.

It was after recording that formal protests had been made on both sides that the Premier expressed the above hope.—British Wireless.

Ranpura Protest Filed By Sir Percy Noble

A very strong protest has been filed with the Japanese authorities by Admiral Sir Percy Noble, the Commander-in-Chief, who is still on board H.M.S. Birmingham at Amoy, naval circles revealed to the "China Mail" this morning.

Sir Percy Noble, it is understood, heard about the stopping of the British liner by a Japanese cruiser off Waglan yesterday as soon as the local authorities did. H.M.S. Birmingham picking up the P. and O. captain's radio message to Hong Kong.

After receiving and studying the captain's report, the British Commander-in-Chief filed a protest which he has informed the local naval authorities was "very strong."

Despite reports that anywhere from two shots to a salvo had been fired across the bows of the Ranpura, naval circles strongly denied this morning that any shots had been fired. A blank cartridge was fired by the Japanese cruiser, it was admitted, but this was merely to attract the attention of the British liner.

The effect of the firing of the blank cartridge was that glasses would then be trained on the warship from the Ranpura's bridge, and the flag-signal message to halt would then be seen.

SHIPPING CIRCLES INDIGNANT

Local business and shipping circles are indignant over the stopping of both the Ranpura and the Aramis near Hong Kong yesterday.

It is pointed out that the sole reason, from an official point of view, why the Japanese naval authorities have been tacitly given permission to stop Third Power ships is to enable them to examine the papers of such ships and determine whether or not they are, in fact, bona fide Third Party vessels and not Chinese vessels bought or mortgaged to foreign shipping firms to prevent their being seized by the Japanese.

EASILY RECOGNISED

In the case of ships such as the Ranpura and the Aramis, this does not apply, local shipping circles point out. Both ships are well-known visitors to the China Coast from Europe and are certainly no strangers to Japanese warships which have been plying the China Coast since July, 1937.

They are not coastal vessels hastily transferred to a neutral flag, and anyone but a Japanese naval officer would realise that immediately he saw them, shipping men point out; no Chinese steamship company has ever owned a

vessel even half the size of the Aramis and Ranpura.

NUISANCE TACTICS

It is suggested in some quarters that the Japanese naval authorities know this and that they have photographs of every ship which comes near the China Coast; the reason for such stoppages are, it is suggested, obvious—"they're just getting a kick out of making a so-and-so nuisance of themselves, having little else to do," as one shipping man indelicately but forcibly expressed himself to the "China Mail" this morning.

Aramis Held Up Outside Hong Kong

A SECOND holding up of a foreign ocean-going vessel by the Japanese yesterday, has now been reported.

Following the boarding of the P. and O. liner Ranpura, a French report (quoted by Reuter from Shanghai) says that a Japanese destroyer took similar action against the Messageries Maritimes vessel Aramis.

The destroyer forced the French liner, which was bound for Shanghai from Hong Kong, to stop 17 miles from Hong Kong.

A party was sent on board the Aramis and examined the ship's papers, and then left, after which the Aramis continued the voyage to Shanghai.

NO AID REQUESTED

Although the Aramis promptly notified both Shanghai and Hong Kong when she was stopped by the Japanese destroyer, her master did not request any assistance, and so none was sent, the "China Mail" was informed this morning. She later signalled that she was continuing her voyage to Shanghai.

So far as can be determined from the brief messages received here from the French liner, she stopped in response to a Japanese destroyer's signal some 17 miles from Hong Kong. No mention is made in her messages of any warning shot or blank cartridge having been fired. She was boarded, it is understood, and her papers were examined, after which she was allowed to proceed.

PROTEST EXPECTED

While no protest has yet been filed over the holding up of the Aramis, the "China Mail" authoritatively learns that a protest, couched in strong terms, will be laid before the Japanese authorities. Whether this will be through the office of the General Manager for the Far East, or through the French naval and military authorities in Shanghai—or, indeed, through both—could not be determined.

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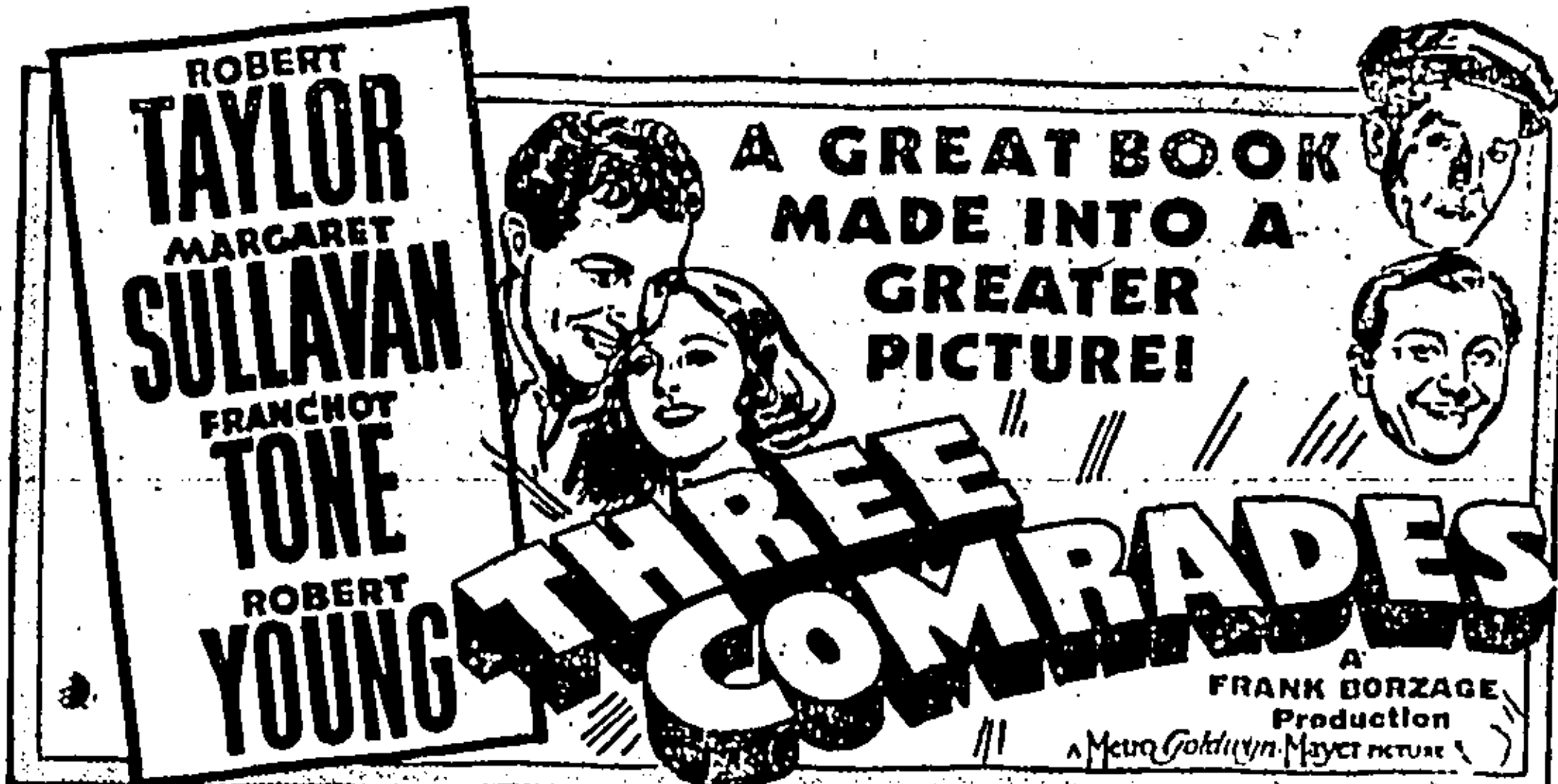
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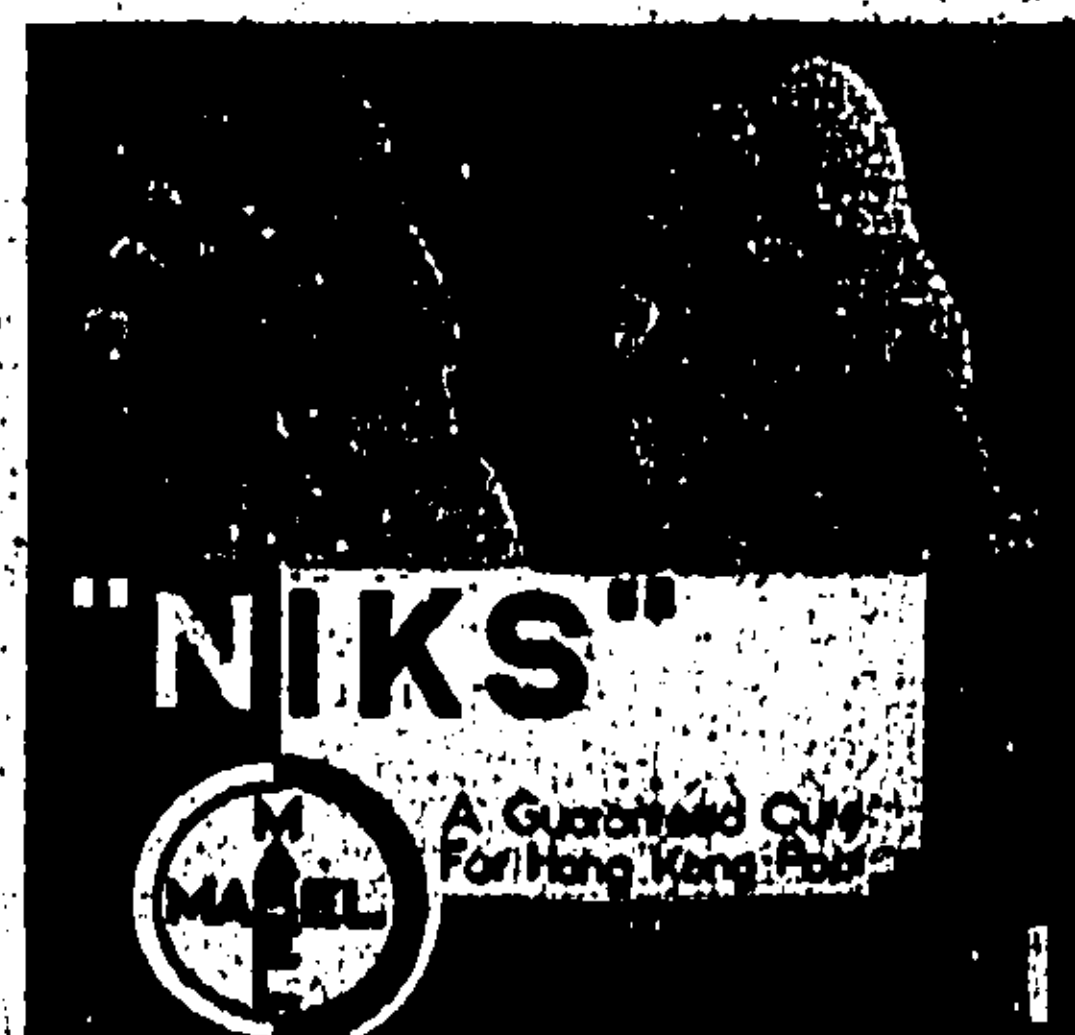
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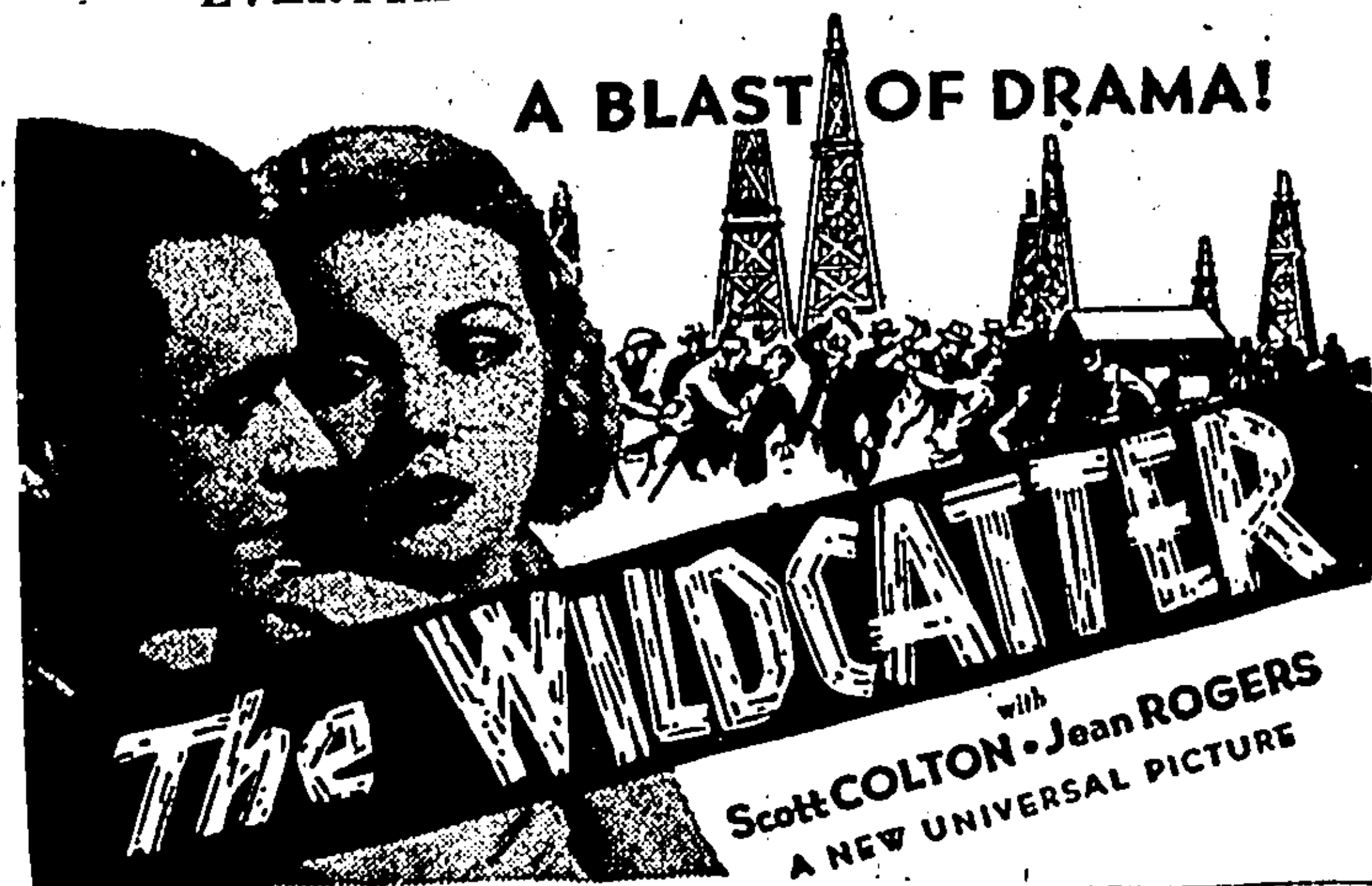
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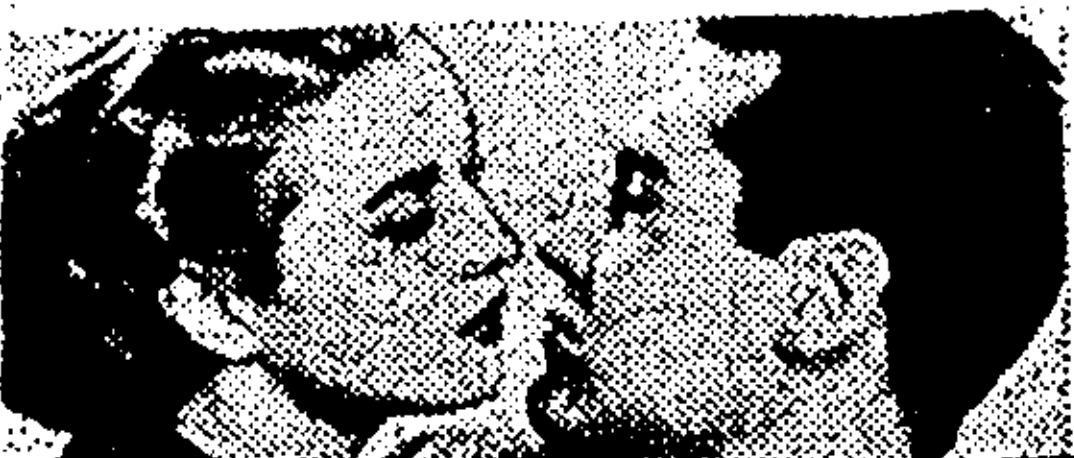


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Local Taxation Possibilities

imposition, some indication of the heads of expenditure to which its yield will be applied.

- (d) We feel that it would be unwise to impose a tax of this nature until a substantial body of opinion in the Colony believes that the tax can be levied fairly and efficiently.
- (e) The imposition of Income Tax should to some extent be compensated for by the remission of other forms of taxation.

THE COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee were: The Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine (Financial Secretary), chairman; Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Mr. D. J. Sloss, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. John Fleming and Mr. C. B. Burgess (Secretary).

The terms of reference were: "to consider and report what methods of taxation could best be adopted in the Colony, should it be necessary to raise additional revenue, having regard to the Colony's general economic position and the importance of distributing any additional burden in the most equitable manner in relation to the incidence of existing taxation."

ATTENTION TO ECONOMY

The Committee decided "that the terms of reference directed our attention to a consideration of the nature of additional taxation if circumstances should arise in which additional revenue were requisite. The responsibility for deciding when such circumstances were present rested upon Government and the legislature. We decided, however, that it was within our scope to make recommendations regarding the equitable distribution of the incidence of existing taxation as well as to suggest new methods of increasing the general yield, and that it would not be irrelevant for us to express our firm conviction that a strict attention to economy in administration should precede any attempt to expand the revenue of the Colony by means of additional taxation."

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The Committee proceeds to examine all the main classes of revenue to be met with in the modern world, rejects the idea of a general customs tariff as impracticable in view of the peculiar economic and commercial situation of the Colony, rejects any increase in tobacco duties as bearing mainly on the poorer classes, and considers an attempt to increase the already considerable profit shown by the Post Office as in general undesirable.

MOTORING TAXES

The Committee suggests that an appropriate increase in the sphere of motoring could be best obtained by additional taxation on motor spirit and opposes increased licence fees, regards Hong Kong's death duties (20 per cent. maximum) as high enough, and rejects business licences, passenger landing fees as irritants.

After the "minor" suggestions as to where increases in revenue could be obtained (outlined above), the Committee exhaustively discusses the Assessment Tax, Corporation Profits Tax and Income Tax.

Having regard to various considerations of inequity and social evils (passing on of tax to tenant, forcing up rentals, encouraging

slums, for the eradication of which the Committee assumes Government expects to have to find funds) the Committee regards an increase in rates as a regressive rather than progressive tax, and recommends that, in spite of ease and economy of collection and size of yield possible, this means should be regarded as a last resource.

PROFITS TAX

At 5 per cent. a Corporations Profits Tax would produce, it is estimated, \$2,500,000 annually. Objections are difficult of assessment and collection, evasion (illegal concealment of profits), the fact that it differentiates unfairly between investors in the Colony and those whose capital is invested outside. It would leave unaffected, insofar as they are not shareholders in public companies, the salaried and professional classes, landlords and large body of private businessmen, whose operations though smaller in scale, give rise to a large aggregate of profits.

Discussing Income Tax, the Committee finds that the Gold Coast, Malaya and Hong Kong are the only important territories in the Colonial Empire in which it does not exist in some form or other. It is found that this direct form of taxation is the most logical, equitable and remunerative, and the least discriminatory, if capable of successful administration.

DOUBTS SUMMARISED

Doubts are summarised as to the geographic situation of the Colony, presenting obvious loopholes for evasions; the primitive system of Chinese bookkeeping rendering fair assessment difficult if not impossible, the migratory nature of the Colony's population, the benefits to be derived from making Hong Kong the haven for "refugee" capital, the belief that so radical a change in fiscal policy would give rise to a demand, now dormant, for popular representation, the belief that the European would bear the chief burden and the Chinese escape or evade its incidence.

THE OTHER SIDE

Against these misgivings, it is pointed out that in every country loopholes for evasion exist, there are certain considerable classes of income which could not easily escape, the migratory section is that which would be in general be exempt from the tax, the rates would not be so high as to drive away "refugee" capital; the collection of any given amount of additional revenue might lead to a demand for public control of finance, whether raised by Income Tax or any other means.

After a review of all the pros and cons, the Committee feels that the really vital question is the possibility of effective administration under the conditions prevailing in Hong Kong.

In conclusion, the Committee recommends that if Government is satisfied that, after allowing for possible economies, substantial further revenue from taxation is likely to be required within the next few years, it would appear desirable to institute a special expert enquiry into the practicability of Income Tax in the Colony, under the Chairmanship, or at least with the assistance, of a man experienced in the administration of the tax in an Eastern country.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S RETICENCES

Uproar In House Over Statement On Russia

Agreement In Principle Believed Reached

London, To-day.

There was an uproar in the House of Commons yesterday when the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, again refused to say anything definite when asked for a statement on the negotiations with Russia.

Mr. Chamberlain opened his statement by announcing that all relevant points of view "had been made clear," and although he said he "had every reason to hope" that a full agreement would be reached soon, he intimated that he would say nothing until after the Whitsun recess.

Pressed by the Labour Opposition, Mr. Chamberlain employed his old tactics and refused to reply further.

The proceedings were opened by the Leader of the Labour Opposition, Mr. C. R. Attlee, who asked a question on Anglo-Soviet relations.

Mr. Chamberlain in reply said: "The House is aware that the Foreign Secretary was able to have conversations with the French Ministers in Paris on his way to Geneva."

"He was also able to continue in Geneva the conversations which had been conducted with the Soviet Ambassador in London."

"AT AN EARLY DATE"

"As a result of these conversations, all relevant points of view have now been made clear, and I have every reason to hope that as a result of the proposals which His Majesty's Government are now in a position to make on the main questions arising, it will be found possible to reach a full agreement at an early date."

"There still remain some further points to be cleared up, but I do not anticipate that these are likely to give rise to any serious difficulty."

NECESSARY TO WAIT

Mr. Attlee: Is it possible to make a more definite and fuller statement before the House adjourns for the Whitsun recess?

Mr. Chamberlain: It is possible that such a statement of course will be made.

As I mentioned there are some points which still have to be cleared up, and I think that probably it will be necessary to wait until after we come back, when I hope it will be possible then to give a complete account of the agreement which I trust will then be reached.

LABOUR UPROAR

This reply by the Prime Minister caused an uproar among Opposition members.

Mr. Hugh Dalton (Labour): In view of the continuing dangers of

the international situation, should we make these delays in formation of the peace front?

Mr. Chamberlain did not reply.—Reuter.

AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

***Although Mr. Chamberlain, a master in the art of understatement, did not say as much, it is believed in well-informed circles that an agreement in principle has been reached between Britain and the Soviet and that only minor points require to be disposed of.

French quarters are saying that the agreement is as good as made. British and Russian circles are still disposed, for the present, to be more guarded in their comments.

Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that the Prime Minister, in stating that some further points require to be cleared up, added that he did not anticipate that they would give rise to any serious difficulties.

The question at issue is believed to be no more than the precise formula for defining obligations already agreed in principle.

All important matters under discussion have been satisfactorily disposed of.

ROYAL PARTY AT EPSOM

London, To-day.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, the Princess Royal and Lord Harewood watched from the Royal Box at Epsom while the favourite, Lord Roseberry's Blue Peter, won the Derby Stakes by four lengths from Mr. E. Esmond's Fox Cub, with Lord Derby's Heliopolis third and Lady Zia Wernher's Casanova fourth.

Queen Mary was unable to go to Epsom after the road accident in which she was involved on Tuesday, and as a result of which and the minor injuries she received her public engagements for some time ahead have been cancelled.

Brilliant weather favoured the meeting which drew a crowd of half a million.—British Wireless.

LEAGUE RESOLUTION ON CHINA

Geneva, To-day.

The League Council, at a private meeting yesterday, adopted the resolution of the committee on China inviting member States to increase any assistance they might individually be giving China.—Reuter.

BULGARIANS AGITATE

Sofia, To-day.

DEMONSTRATIONS for the return of the Dobruja (held by Rumania) to Bulgaria, took place all over Bulgaria yesterday.

School-children marched in procession singing the Dobruja Song, and crowds shouted "Return Dobruja to Bulgaria."

Similar demonstrations occurred at the University and the sports ground where, before the football match between Bulgaria and Latvia, a black flag was hoisted in memory of the Bulgars killed on the Rumanian frontier a few days ago. Plays and spectators knelt and sang the Dobruja Song after a minute's silence.—Trans-Ocean.

BACK TURNED ON MUNICH

Paris, To-day.

"Ce Soir" states that in giving his approval to the pact with the Soviet Union, Mr. Chamberlain has definitely turned his back on the Munich policy.

"Le Temps" which is often regarded as the mouthpiece of the Quai d'Orsay, states that the aim of the British Cabinet was not to come to an immediate decision but to agree upon the fundamental being for London and Moscow to express their acceptance in principle of the main points of an agreement, and the technical details can then be ironed out.—Trans-Ocean.

MIAJA IN MEXICO

Mexico City, To-day.

General Miaja, former commander-in-chief of the Republican armies in Spain, arrived at Vera Cruz yesterday in the British steamer "Orizaba."

General Miaja, who arrived from Havana, Cuba, whence he had gone after leaving Spain, gained fame as the defender of Madrid.—Trans-Ocean.

Another remand was this morning granted by Mr. E. Himsforth when the case in which four men are charged with assaulting with intent to rob Mrs. J. Egan and her son, Ronald, again came up.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE

London, To-day.

IN accordance with Mr. Chamberlain's announcement in the House of Commons yesterday, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that a communication will shortly be sent to the Soviet, in effect accepting the basic Soviet proposals for an Anglo-Franco-Soviet mutual assistance alliance.

Under the alliance, it is understood, where one of the parties goes to the aid of a victim of aggression, assistance from the other parties will be immediately available.

The small points which Mr. Chamberlain indicated still needed clearing up, will probably be dealt with by the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, when the latter returns from Geneva.

It is not thought this will hinder conclusion of the agreement and may concern only drafting points.—Reuter.

PRINCE PAUL'S PLANS

London, To-day.

Prince Paul of Yugoslavia will not visit England in the near future, it is declared in informed circles in contradiction of recurrent rumours.

The King and Queen, it is pointed out, will not return from America for at least three weeks and will then take a vacation of four weeks in Scotland so that the visit could not come into question before the end of July.

It is regarded as probable that Prince Paul may visit England unofficially in August or September.

Rumours of "official feelers" between London and Belgrade are also denied.—Trans-Ocean.

TREATY TALKS DENIED

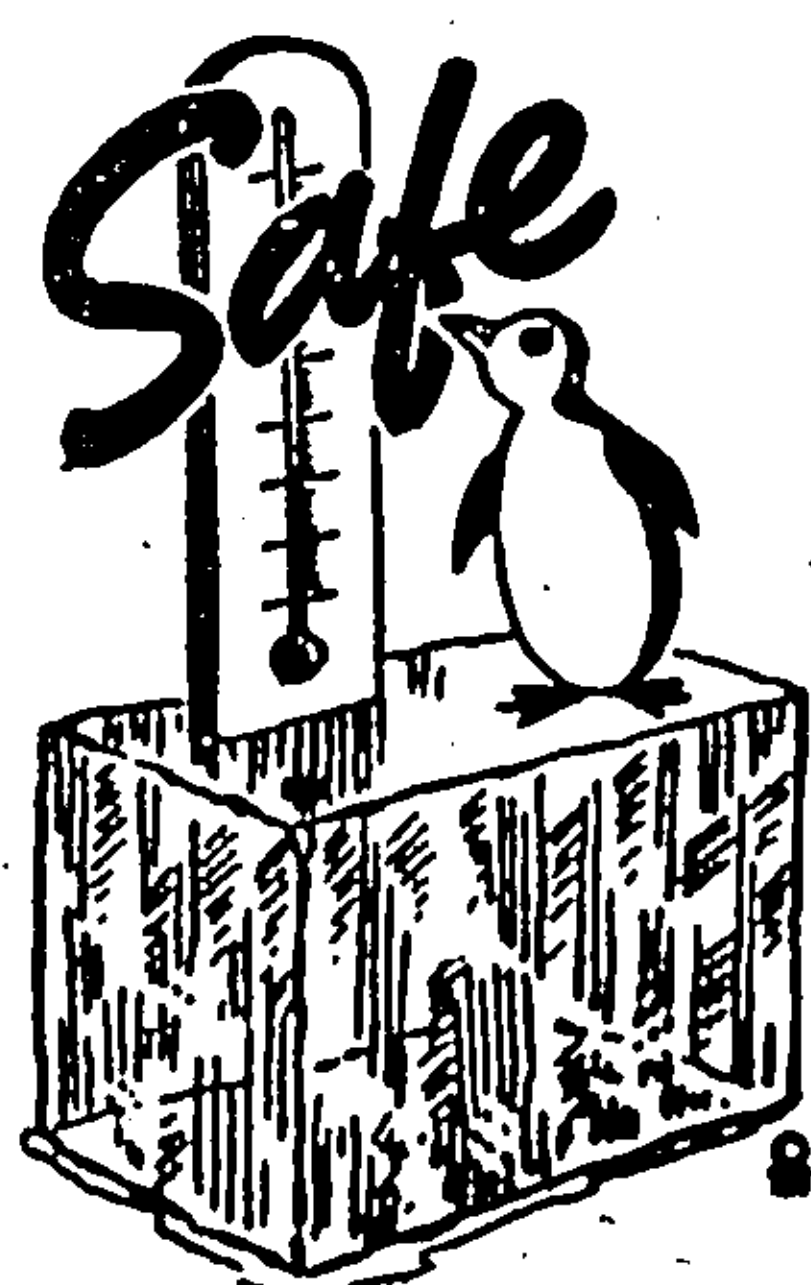
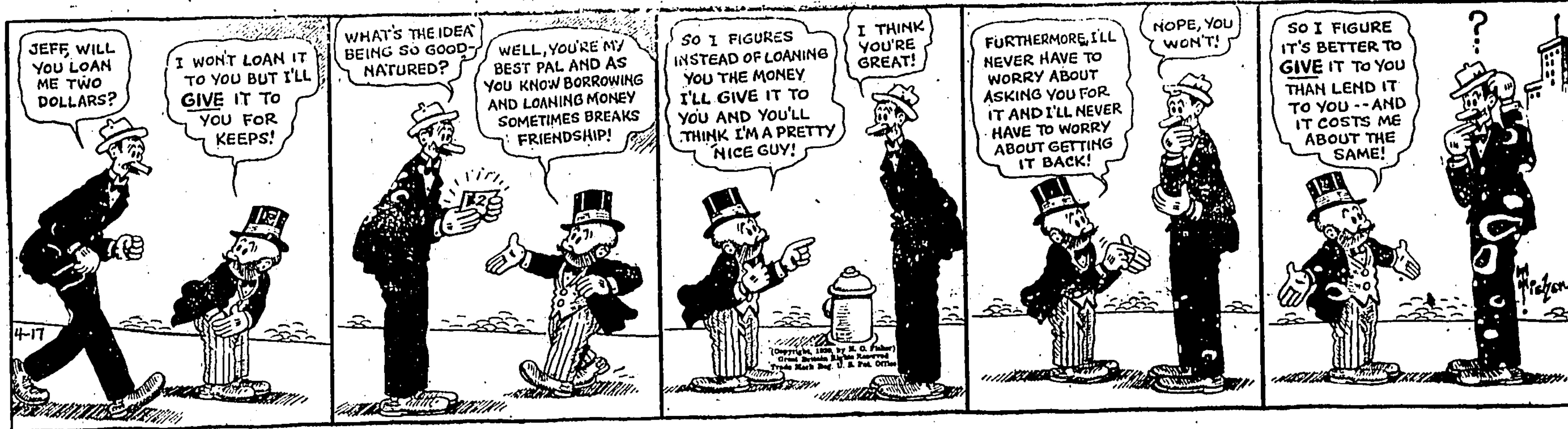
Warsaw, To-day.

The official Polish news agency issued a statement yesterday denying foreign press reports which alleged that Poland and Rumania had decided to replace the defensive alliance pact between the two countries, which refers only to the eventuality of a Soviet attack on one of two countries, by a more comprehensive agreement.

The statement issued by the Polish News agency denies that negotiations are now going on in Warsaw for settlement of details or a more comprehensive Polish-Rumanian alliance pact.—Trans-Ocean.

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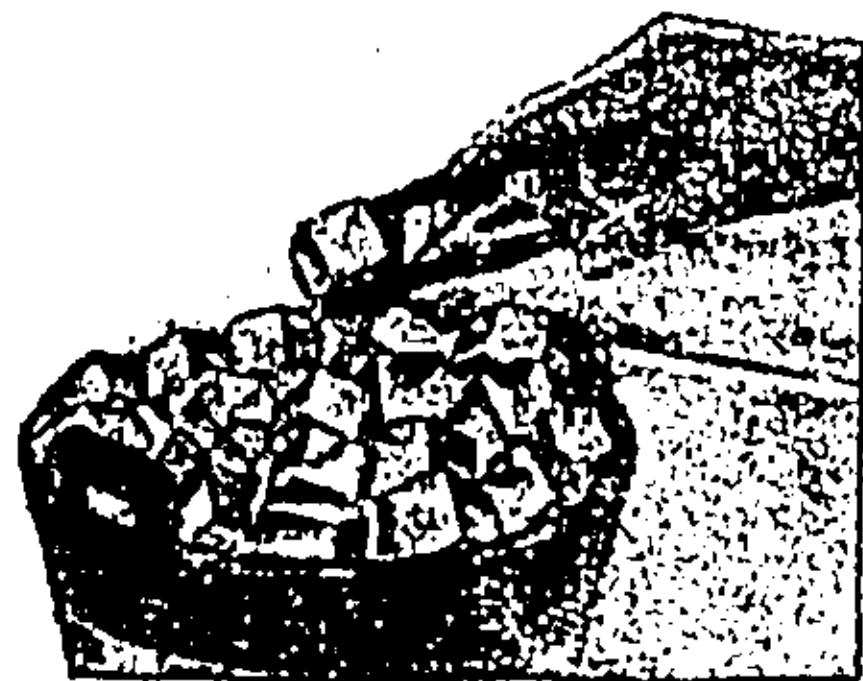
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ENGLAND EXPECTS THIS DAY THAT KULANGSU STAND WILL BE REPEATED

London, To-day.

Members of the China sub-committee of the Conservative foreign affairs committee met last evening.

They expressed themselves pleased with the firm action taken at Kulangsu, and expressed the hope that similar firm action would be taken in like circumstances elsewhere.

The sub-committee considered the general situation in China, especially the position in regard to the British Concession at Tientsin, interference with navigation on the Yangtse, the landing at Kulangsu and the repeated threats of Japanese action at Shanghai.

Members are fully aware of the gravity of the situation, and will continue to watch matters closely and use all their influence on behalf of British interests in China. — Reuter.

BRITISH DELAY IN ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE

London, To-day.

Departure of the United States flyingboat Yankee Clipper from Southampton on the return journey via Marseilles and Lisbon to New York after inauguration of Pan-American Airways North Atlantic air-mail service, lent special interest to a statement in the Commons yesterday afternoon on the plans for commencement of a North Atlantic service by a British operating company.

Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, explained the postponement had been necessitated by the desire, in the interests of operational safety and efficiency, to give a 400 hours flight test to the engines, and to carry through certain alterations to the fuelling system found desirable as a result of practical tests.

It was hoped the service would commence in July. — British Wireless.

U.S. AMBASSADOR RETICENT

Chungking, To-day.

It is learned that the American Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, who arrived in Shang-

SHARP CLASH IN PALESTINE

London, To-day.

A report from the High Commissioner for Palestine, received at the Colonial Office yesterday, says heavy casualties were inflicted on a gang of armed bandits located and engaged by aircraft in the area east of Tulkarm on Tuesday.

The bandits were subsequently engaged by converging columns of the 2nd Battalion, Queen's Royal Regiment, and a detachment of the First Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Eleven bodies of bandits have been recovered to date, and two prisoners taken and twelve rifles, three pistols and 1,410 rounds of ammunition captured.

Government casualties were Major W. G. Beeton killed, one officer and three other ranks wounded, and one interpreter killed. — British Wireless.

NEW GOLDFIELD IN AMUR REGION

Moscow, To-day.

A new gold field has been discovered in the Befreja district in the Amur region, according to a report here which adds that the newly discovered field is one of the richest in the Far Eastern area. The exploitation of the new field will be begun in course of the present year. — Trans-Ocean.

hai yesterday, will proceed to Chungking on May 31.

He was non-committal when interviewed by pressmen regarding the Shanghai International Settlement and Kulangsu situation. — Central News.

SUBSIDY FOR SHIPPING IN THE FAR EAST

Hopes Expressed At Indo-China S.N. Co. Meeting

Cautious Policy Pursued By Directors

"FOR MANY YEARS WE HAVE HAD TO FACE COMPETITORS IN RECEIPT OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND OTHER ASSISTANCE AND AS THIS COMPETITION IS EXPECTED TO BE INTENSIFIED IN FUTURE WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT WE WILL BE GIVEN SUCH ASSISTANCE AS WILL ENABLE US TO COMPETE ON LEVEL TERMS," SAID MR. D. F. LANDALE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INDO-CHINA S.N. CO., HELD TO-DAY.

Mr. Landale was supported by Messrs. S. T. Williamson, H. V. Wilkinson and M. K. Lo, directors.

In part, Mr. Landale said:—
Our Coasters maintained a regular service calling at all open China Coast Ports during the year. This service was later extended to Haiphong on the fall of Canton.

Trade on the Coast throughout the year has been fraught with difficulties—nearly all the ports up and down the Coast came into the zone of hostilities which brought with them innumerable restrictions both on shipping and the movement of cargo generally. The volume was consequently far below normal but, as considerable tonnage withdrew from the Coast as a result of hostilities, there was enough cargo to keep ships that remained employed.

It is needless for me to enlarge on the situation on the Yangtze. The developments leading up to the complete closure have been front page news. I feel, however, that I ought to stress that we have a valuable fleet and floating property together with a large number of personnel based on the Yangtze which to-day are earning little or no freight. The situation is most unsatisfactory but I regret to say I see no prospect of a settlement in the near future.

Our River fleet met with one unfortunate accident when the s.s. "Kiawo" struck a reef on the Upper Yangtze and had to be beached.

KIAWO WRECK

On the Calcutta Line the improvement in 1937 was not maintained during the period under review, the falling off in exports from Japan was very marked. Restrictions on emigrants to the Straits are still in force, and, with the natural disinclination of native passengers to return to China in these disturbed times, earnings from that source were below normal. To maintain important connections the "Islami" was again chartered for the half year.

The "Kiawo", as I have already mentioned, was our only major casualty during the year. She grounded on a reef in the Upper Yangtze on the 26th September and for a while it was feared she might be a constructive total loss on account of the difficulties of obtaining salvage assistance, cut off as she was from the outside world. Time was also an urgent factor, as at certain levels the River becomes a raging torrent and no vessel could survive floating off into the main stream. I am glad to say, however, that the vessel was safely launched on 18th instant and arrived at Ichang four days later where she will have to lie up until allowed to proceed to Shanghai for permanent repairs.

In times such as these the Directors and General Managers recognise that the Floating Staff have shouldered heavy responsibilities and we are most appreciative of the loyal support and assistance we have received throughout the very trying conditions that have at times existed on the Coast and in the River.

The Directors and General Managers must also record their grateful thanks for the great assistance and co-operation of the Royal Navy. We are constantly appealing for their help and it is always readily given.

NEW VESSELS

Last year reference was made to the two new Coasters, "Wingsang" and "Taisang", also the small Upper Yangtze steamer "Liwo", which were contracted for in 1936. These three vessels were put into commission during the year and have given complete satisfaction in every way. No new tonnage was contracted for during the year but as has been said at previous

General Meetings of the Company, further tonnage is still urgently needed to replace old vessels and maintain important connections without recourse to chartering, which is an expensive method. The problem has been a very pressing one to your Directors and General Managers for many years and when a favourable opportunity presented itself last year they decided to acquire four modern cargo and passenger vessels, all sister ships, built specially for the China Coast in the United Kingdom in 1934. These vessels, re-named "Esang", "Wosang", "Yusang" and "Mingsang", are eminently suitable for the Company's requirements and, with the "Taksang", built for us in 1935, and the new "Taisang" and "Wingsang", provide a fast and regular service up and down the Coast which has become very popular both with passengers and shippers. The modernization of our Coasters has been reflected in increased earnings and I am confident the recent acquisitions will prove valuable additions to the Fleet. Even with these recent acquisitions our need for further new tonnage, to replace old units, is still a very pressing one.

This need is having the earnest consideration of your Directors in conjunction with the General Managers.

SUBSIDY QUESTION

You have no doubt seen references in the Press to the report of the Imperial Shipping Committee on "British Shipping in the Orient." This Committee has gone very deeply into the difficulties confronting Companies such as ours and has made a strong case for Government assistance. How much help we can expect or what form it will take I cannot say at present, but the matter is being enquired into.

Not unconnected with this is the fact that British shipping in the Far East has to contend with a more stringent application of certain International regulations than are applied to our Foreign competitors.

You were informed last year of the destruction of the "Tuckwo" and the Hulk "Madras II" at Wuhu by Japanese aerial action, in which incident foreign gunboats and other vessels also suffered. Apologies and acknowledgments of responsibility were immediately forthcoming and it was confidently expected that compensation would follow in due course. It did so I understand in the case of the British and American gunboats, also the American Merchantmen sunk about the same time, but I regret that British commercial claims, including ours, are still outstanding though His Majesty's Government continue to press for a settlement. I trust that this will soon be arranged.

HIGHER BALANCE

Turning to the Statement of Accounts before you, you will notice that

the net balance of Steamers' Working Account amounts to £288,343.78d. which is some £17,500 better than the previous year. In view of the political tension in Europe, with its possible re-actions in the Far East, together with the gradual closing of the China Coast to trade both physically and financially, and the situation on the Yangtze, your Directors feel they cannot prudently recommend the payment of more than the Preference Dividend for 1926. In times such as these through which we are passing it is unnecessary for me to stress the importance of Companies having as much as possible up to windward. We are in troubled seas and we need all the strength and reserve available until we can see more clearly ahead so, after very mature consideration, they decided it was prudent to write off an additional sum of £115,000 to depreciation in respect of the new tonnage that was acquired during the year to bring the value of these new ships down to a figure that it is hoped will prove economical in less good years. This brings the total depreciation of the fleet to £161,243.98d. They also recommend the transfer to General Reserve of £70,000, bringing this Reserve to £200,000, and the transfer of £10,000 to Special Repairs and Renewals, and to carry forward a balance of £20,051.140d. The Directors have again waived their fees, amounting to £1,500 per annum, and this money will not be held in suspense.

LARGE CARRY FORWARD

Should your Directors' view of the future prove too gloomy and trade continue on a satisfactory basis, it is hoped that this large carry forward can be used for the benefit of the shareholders but I would like to remind you of our large outstanding loan from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Your Directors and General Managers are considering the switch over to a Provident Fund from our existing Pension Scheme. This is a change desired by our Floating Staff and one which we hope to be able to bring into force as soon as adequate funds are collected for the purposes. In the meantime every endeavour is being made to avoid unnecessary expenditure. In this we are confident that we will have the full co-operation of every member of our staff, both ashore

THERMOMETER SOARS TO 89

A maximum temperature of 89 degrees was recorded yesterday, but the night turned much cooler, minimum temperature being 78 degrees. Temperature this morning was 79 degrees, with humidity 84 per cent.

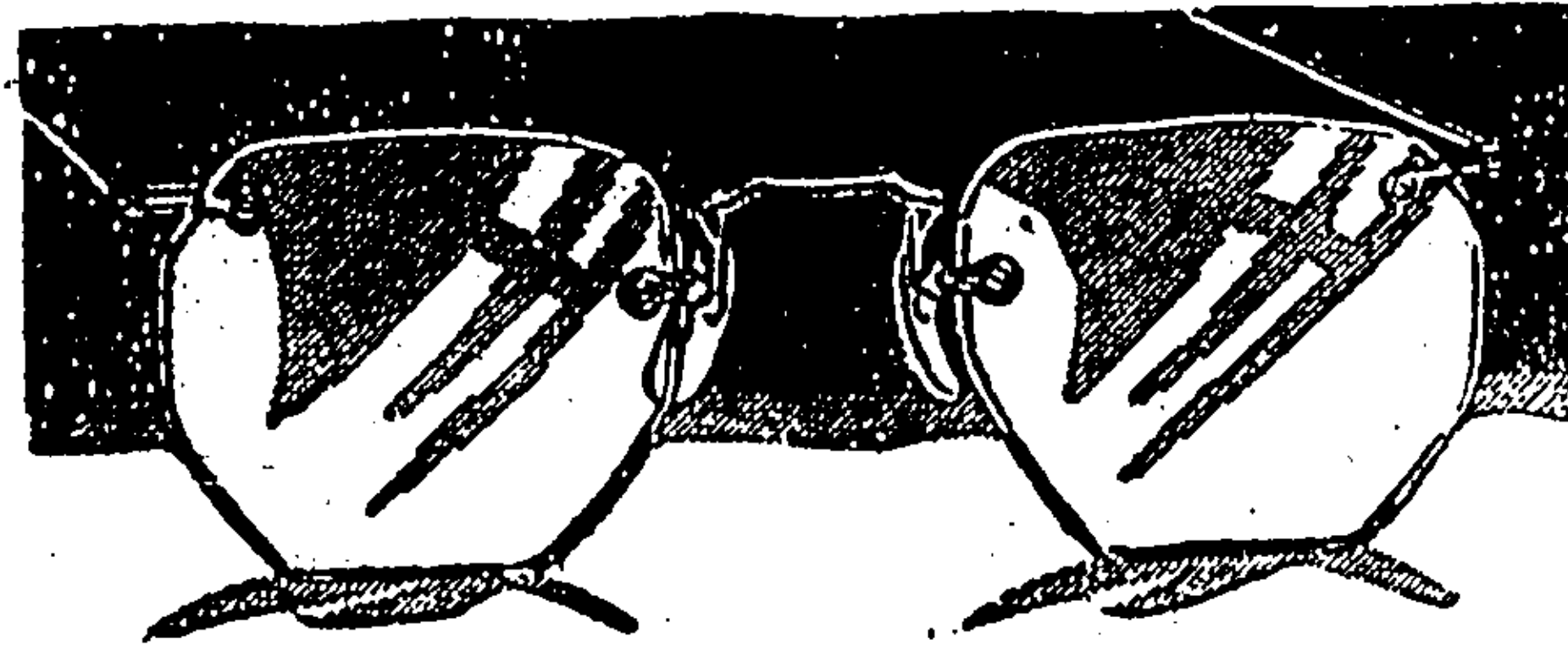
The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anti-cyclone covers the Yangtze Valley. An area of low pressure is moving eastward over central Japan, and a shallow depression covers Siam and central Annam.

Local forecast:—East winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, occasional rain.

Tong Po, 28, and Li Tai, 26, were remanded by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning when they appeared on a charge of extortion of \$5, the "fee" for a certain Society from a man in Woosung Street on Monday. Sub-Inspector C. Mottram is in charge of the case.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, the Book Value of steamships etc., has been increased from \$643,000 to \$1,017,000 by the recent additions to the fleet and is now conservatively valued.

Resolutions were passed adopting the report and accounts; paying a dividend of 6/- a share on preferred ordinary shares for 1926; transferring to general reserve, £70,000; transferring to reserve for repairs and renewals, £10,000; carrying over £20,051.14s. 0d; confirming the appointment of Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson and M. K. Lo as directors; re-electing Mrs. S. T. Wilkinson as a director; and appointing Lowe, Bingham and Matthews auditors at an annual remuneration of \$8,000.



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CEMENTING THE BALKANS

Construction of an immovable object to block a force which otherwise would be irresistible is a task requiring not only daring but delicacy. How successful the British and French have been in raising obstacles against the expansionism of the Rome-Berlin axis Powers can perhaps be better estimated by the signs of anxiety along the axis than by the less spectacular statements from Paris and London.

Italy's occupation of Albania seems for the moment to have checkmated Anglo-French attempts to bring Yugoslavia into the non-aggression front east of Germany. Internal dissension in Yugoslavia has helped to make Italian pressure through Albania effective in Belgrade.

But other Balkan states have not been so sensitive as Rome and Berlin hoped they would be. This can best be explained by the increasingly firm attitude of Britain, especially with respect to Balkan countries on the Mediterranean. British guarantees to Greece are of particular significance because of the strategic value of Greece to the British Navy in the Mediterranean. Such guarantees tell Rome something about British determination which even a strongly worded denunciation of the Anglo-Italian pact would fail to say.

Turkey, another state of direct importance to Britain because of Turkish guardianship of the Dardanelles, has frankly cast its lot with the democracies and is leading a movement for Balkan unity toward which it is now thought Bulgaria may also contribute.

Turkey has thus become a sort of link between the sea strategy and the land strategy of the non-aggression front. If Bulgaria can be brought in, Rumania's southern borders will be relieved of danger of such an attack as that which, in the World War, diverted its armies southward while the forces of the Central Powers poured through the mountain passes from the Transylvanian plain and overran the country. To-day the sealing of those passes is doubly important because it is through them that Germany would strike to gain control of Rumania's oil fields.

The delicacy of the Anglo-French task, however, is not completely understood unless it is remembered that these Balkan states have territorial claims one against the other.

For many of these states Germany is a natural customer; they could not hope for prosperity if the outcome of the diplomatic war now being fought were to mean their economic isolation from Germany. Military guarantees are of course of the most immediate importance to states whose independence seems in-

creasingly threatened by the "Drang nach Osten." Some countries, like Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia, however, are too delicately poised between danger from Germany and need of Germany to view the "drive to the east" in so simple a light as peoples more remote from its threats.

Thus the project Britain and France have undertaken is likely to succeed in direct ratio to either of two prospects — that stability in Europe can be achieved without increasing the economic disruption of a naturally complementary producing and trading area, or that the threat to the political independence of Europe's small states will continue to loom as gigantically over them as it has in the last few months.

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London Press

And Russia

Herr Hitler never makes a speech now without talking of the need of a greater "Lebensraum," or living space, for the German people, and his earlier writings leave no doubt whatever where the space is to be found. "If we speak of new lands in Europe," he declares in "Mein Kampf," "we shall be thinking first of Russia and of the border States which depend on her"; and he says that the meaning of "an eastern policy" is "the acquisition of the land necessary for the German people." Poland is the immediate obstacle to the prosecution of this policy; and Russia and Great Britain are equally concerned in preventing its accomplishment.

There are points of contact between the British and the Russian Governments which make co-operation for the specific purpose of resisting aggression both natural and desirable. Whatever criticisms may be heard here of Soviet methods and outlook, military aggression is an international crime against which the U.S.S.R. has set its face as resolutely as any of the Western democracies. — "The Times."

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What is the position of Russia to-day? She has come down to the big table in the casino, where the big game is going on. Much is at stake. The dictators are wondering whether to risk a desperate gamble. The democracies are playing their collective security system. Russia gives the impression that she means to join in. We can guess what number she will play. But she has not yet laid down the stakes. — "Daily Express."

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The great mass of people in this country earnestly desire to see a pact against aggression concluded as soon as possible between Britain and Russia. The British Government's hesitation is certainly responsible in great part for the delay, and we trust that it will now push ahead with greater vigour and energy in that direction. Political and Staff talks should be initiated at once to give practical effect to the bold and constructive plan of the Soviet Government. The one sure way to restrain the Nazis from further aggression is to prove to them plainly that they would have to face a war on two fronts. Hitler's denunciation of the German-Polish treaty has made the Poles much more willing to accept Russian help, and it may be presumed that this difficulty will soon vanish. — "News Chronicle."

"Munich" Echoes In Prime Minister's Ears

REFUSES TO GIVE PARLIAMENT AN ASSURANCE

London, To-day.

Cries of "Another Munich" were hurled at the Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday by the Opposition.

The outburst followed Mr. Chamberlain's reply to a question regarding recognition of the Nazi conquest of the Czechs, put by one of his own supporters, Mr. Duncan Sandys.

Mr. Chamberlain said he could not give an assurance that Britain would not recognise the conquest, and this was followed by loud Opposition protests and cries of "Another Munich."

Mr. Chamberlain first was questioned regarding representation of British interests in Bohemia and Moravia.

The Premier stated that on the departure of the charge d'affaires from Prague to-day (Thursday), British interests would be temporarily left in charge of the vice-consul.

CZECH ASSETS

The question of future representation of the British Government in Prague and its bearing on recognition was being considered, and he hoped to be in a position to make a statement very shortly.

Replying to questions on the Czech assets, Mr. Chamberlain said that the informal discussions which had taken place on this subject did not imply de facto recognition of the new status of Bohemia and Moravia.

NO ASSURANCE

Mr. Duncan Sandys (Conservative) asked for an assurance that there would be no de facto recognition without the House being first consulted.

The Premier declared he could not give an assurance, which led to loud Opposition protests and cries of "Another Munich."

Mr. C. R. Attlee (Labour): Are we to understand that the Government is contemplating giving political recognition of the present status of Czecho-Slovakia?

TO BE RAISED AGAIN

Mr. Chamberlain: No, I did not say that. I said I cannot give an assurance because it is not usual to give an assurance of that kind.

Mr. Attlee gave notice that owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the Premier's replies, he would raise the matter on the adjournment on Friday.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION BEING CONSIDERED

Two answers made clear (adds British Wireless) that the question of recognition was being considered by the Government in connexion with the future of British representation at Prague.

When he was asked for an assurance that there would be no recognition without prior consultation with the Commons, the Premier refused and reminded the opposition that Parliament had its own constitutional way of expressing its approval or disapproval of the action of the Government in matters which were the Government's responsibility.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST EUROPEAN

Edward Davies Sykes, 45, described as a broker, of Singapore, with a Kowloon address, 1st Floor, 171 Saiyee Street, is appearing before Mr. R. Edwards this morning to answer a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

According to the prosecution, on March 7 and 14, at Victoria, Mr. Sykes obtained from Reliance Motors Limited several sums of \$1,250 and \$1,000 on account of commission which would have been due him if a tender made by the company to the military authorities had been accepted.

The tender related to the hiring of motor vehicles by the military authorities and it is alleged that Mr. Sykes purported that the tender had been accepted and that the military authorities had drawn up, and signed, the contract.

Mr. W. A. H. Duff, of Reliance Motors Ltd., is to represent the complainants.

Sykes pleaded not guilty, and was formally remanded for a week on bail of \$3,000.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton is representing the complainant company, and Mr. F. H. Loseby is appearing for the defence.

June 5 and 6 were set for hearing of the case.

NATURE'S BOUNTY IN PALESTINE

London, To-day.

According to the forecasts of agricultural experts in Palestine there is now every reason to expect one of the most fruitful seasons for some years.

Even the most conservative estimates of barley crops reckon the normal yield will be increased by 15 to 20 per cent. A wheat crop well above average is forecast. — British Wireless.

INTERFERENCE WITH BRITISH TRADE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister stated in the course of a reply in the House of Commons yesterday that the Foreign Secretary had received a number of reports indicating that there had recently been marked intensification of interference with British trade and shipping in the Lower Yangtse delta.

Mr. Chamberlain added that representations were being made to the Japanese Government. — Reuter.

GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

Kinhwa, To-day.

Fighting has been proceeding in the vicinity of Chungteh, north of the Shanghai-Hangchow

TIFFIN MEETING

The first luncheon meeting of the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations will be held at 12.45 p. m. to-morrow (Friday) at the Hongkong Hotel.

Dr. William Johnstone, professor of political science of George Washington University, who is a visitor to the Colony, will speak on "Some Aspects of the Far East War." Dr. Johnstone is a well known authority on Far Eastern affairs and is the author of "Shanghai Problem."

Mr. Addison E. Southard, the American Consul-General will attend and Sir Shouson Chow will preside.

SHANGHAI BOMBING

Chungking, To-day.

Bombs were thrown into the Kwang Shen Company Club, a big gambling house on an extra-settlement road in western Shanghai, by 30 youths on Tuesday night, according to a Shanghai report.

Several gamblers and four waiters were wounded. — Central News.

Railway.

The Railway and highway have been damaged at various points, rendering Japanese communication difficult. — Central News.



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HIS MAJESTY'S IDEAL OF EMPIRE

London, To-day.

Addressing the Empire by radio on the occasion of Empire Day yesterday, the King declared that civilisation in Europe and Asia was sorely troubled and the Old World might look for guidance to the New.

Recalling that Winnipeg, the city from which he was speaking, was no more than a fort and hamlet upon the open prairie when Queen Victoria began to rule, His Majesty said to-day it was a monument to the faith and energy which had created and upheld the world-wide Empire of our time.

"We often talk of the Old World and the New. It is one of the greatest services to the British Empire that it serves as a link to harmonise the two.

"For a long period of history it was the mind of Europe which led the march and fixed aims and progress in the world, but that tide of inspiration is no longer running as it did in times gone by.

"Christian civilisation in Europe is now profoundly troubled and challenged from within. We are striving to restore its standards, though the task is long and hard.

LOOKING TO NEW WORLD

"Asia too is changing fast, and its mind is deeply disturbed.

"Is not this the moment when the Old World in its turn might look for hope and guidance to the achievements of the New?"

The King proceeded that a sense of race might be a dangerous and disruptive force, but the English and French had shown in Canada that they could keep their pride and the distinctive culture which it inspired while yet combining to establish a broader freedom and security than either could have achieved alone.

NEVER AGAIN

Nor was that the only chapter in North American history that deserved consideration.

Canada and the United States had had to dispose of searching differences of aim and interest during the past 100 years, but never had one of those differences been resolved by force or threat.

"No man, thank God, will ever again conceive of such an arbitrament between the peoples of my Empire and the peoples of the United States.

REASON AND FAIR PLAY

"Faith in reason and fair play, which we share with them, is one of the chief ideals that guides the British Empire in all its ways to-day.

"It is not in power and wealth alone, nor in dominion over other peoples, that the true greatness of the Empire consists.

"Those things are but the instrument—they are not an end or an ideal. The end is freedom, justice and peace in equal measure for all, secure against attack from without and within.

GREETING TO YOUTH

"It is only by adding spiritual dignity and material happiness to human life in all its myriad homes that an Empire can claim to

70,000 WORKERS IDLE

Detroit, To-day.

Over 70,000 automobile workers are idle as the result of a strike in the Briggs Manufacturing Company's plant, where a deadlock continues.

The strikers, who are estimated to number 24,000, are members of the United Automobile Workers organisation.—Reuter.

U.S. GOVERNMENT AND MARINE RISKS

Washington, To-day.

The Maritime Commission has submitted to Congress recommendations for legislation providing for the Government's marine war risk insurance reinsurance, as well as ordinary marine risk insurance.

The Commission would administer the new services, which are intended to meet the present emergency needs of water-borne commerce.—Reuter.

be of service to its own peoples and to the world."

His Majesty concluded with a special greeting to his young listeners, urging them to remember that the key of all true progress lay in faith, hope and love.—Reuter.

WINNIPEG WET

London, To-day.

It was raining when the King and Queen arrived yesterday at Winnipeg, whence His Majesty broadcast his Empire Day message to the peoples of the Commonwealth in the evening.

During the day the King and Queen received reassuring accounts of the condition of Queen Mary.—British Wireless.

MALAYA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEFENCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE COLONIES SECRETARY, MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, REFERRED AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY TO THE MALAY STATES FEDERAL COUNCIL'S OFFER OF \$4,000,000 TOWARDS THE COST OF GENERAL DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

He also mentioned the decision of the Sultan and Government of Kelantan to give \$100,000, and the Rajah and State Council of Perlis to give \$25,000.

Mr. Macdonald said he had asked the High Commissioner, Sir Shenton Thomas, to convey to Their Highnesses the rulers of States and to the Federated Council, His Majesty's Government's warm appreciation of these generous gifts and of the signal expression of their practical co-operation in consolidating the security of the Empire.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND AXIS ALLIANCE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister stated in the Commons yesterday that from the published text of the Italo-German Agreement signed on Monday there did not seem to be any provision that could be held inconsistent with Italy's obligations under the declaration of January 2, 1937, which was reaffirmed in the Anglo-Italian Agreement of April 16, 1938.—British Wireless.

KING AND QUEEN GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME BY PEOPLE OF MANITOBA

Winnipeg, To-day.

The King and Queen arrived at 10.30 a.m. (local time), having slept their second night in succession on board the Royal train as it sped westward from Fort William.

Extending a Royal welcome to Their Majesties, Mr. John Bracken (Premier of Manitoba Province) said that while they did not forget the best traditions of their ancestral lands, they all met their Sovereigns as citizens of Canada.

They were proud to be members of the Commonwealth of British nations and prouder still of the traditions of the British Crown and British Parliamentary institutions.

The King, replying, said the people of Manitoba, having united many races in a common citizenship, might well be proud that the practice of tolerance and democratic principles had brought such splendid fruit.

MATERIAL PROGRESS

"In my journey westward I have been struck by the immensity of the country and the many visible proofs of its material and social progress."

The King added that it gave them the utmost pleasure to visit them, and they prayed that under the Divine blessing the people of Manitoba might continue to prosper.—



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Only seventeen years old, Miss Myrtle Lathom, has complete charge of her father's string of racehorses at Ottershaw, near Chertsey, where in the past four years she has turned out many winners under Pony Turf Club rules. Photo shows Miss Lathom taking a drink out of the bucket after a hard morning's work.

TREES GUIDE TO AIRMEN

The Portsmouth Tree Beacon—first of a series of natural signposts for aircraft, planned during the Coronation—has been completed.

It consists of 3,200 young trees—beech, sycamore, Corsican pine and wild cherry. It will become a magnificent wood, shield-shaped, with the tip pointing towards the South West.

In the centre is a great star and crescent of yew trees. Yellow lupin and mustard have been sown between the trees to stimulate growth.

When it reaches maturity the beacon will be an unmistakable landmark from the air.

Under the original scheme a tree beacon was to have been planted in every British county. Some counties were to have two beacons.

Each beacon would consist of the type of trees most likely to flourish in the locality.

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MOTHER DIES, PEER 'PHONED

A 'phone message to the House of Lords told Lord Aberdeen that his mother, the Dowager Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, had died.

NO ISRAEL

Failure of a Jew to insert Israel in his name (women must insert Sarah) led to a fine of 50s. at Cologne, under the new Nazi-Jew laws. He had omitted the Israel in writing to the local council.

LINGUIST AT TWO

Though he won't be two until the end of May, Michael Williams, of 1, Silverdale, Enfield (Middlesex), can carry on a conversation in English and French. He began to speak both languages nearly a year ago.

His father is English, his mother half-French, half-Italian. His grandmother is French, his grandfather Italian. Soon it is hoped to add his grandfather's language to his talents.

NEW MEDICAL PLAN FOR FACTORIES URGED

Full-time doctors for large factories, and also for grouped smaller factories, were suggested by Dr. Howard E. Collier, of Birmingham University, speaking at the Industrial Welfare Society conference in London.

Dr. Collier urged that if the panel system could not be radically reorganised to bring industrial medicine within its scope, industry should determine to provide its own services in every part of the country.

FRANCE SENDS SPY TO DEATH

French espionage charges have sent a black-smith, aged twenty-one, Lucien Franck, to the death cell, and his two accomplices to penal servitude for life. The two accomplices were Marcel Ducellier, a labourer of twenty-six, and Lucien Adam, a clerk, aged twenty-one. All three men were charged with giving information to a foreign Power last September.

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NEW U.S. WAR CHIEF

Brigadier George Catlett Marshall has succeeded General Malin Craig as Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

Brigadier Catlett Marshall, fifty-eight, served with the American Army in France, 1917 to 1919, as a Staff officer. Later he served in China.

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BARONET DIES

Sir Alfred Pease, of Pinchin thorpe House, Guisbrough, Yorkshire, died yesterday at the age of eighty-one. Sir Alfred was M.P. for York from 1885 to 1892, and represented Cleveland from 1897 to 1902. In his youth he travelled extensively, making expeditions to South Africa and Asia Minor. He wrote several books on travelling and hunting.

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SPY SHOT

Francois Gruneberg, twenty-six-year-old Frenchman, was executed as a spy by a firing squad at Nancy. Gruneberg was arrested during the September crisis and charged with obtaining military information for "a foreign Power."

The employment of a whole-time medical officer, with such nursing service, was an economic proposal for every firm employing more than 7,000 persons. Smaller could be grouped.

So far as the nation's medical services were concerned, said Dr. Collier, a gap had been created, or had been allowed to develop, because industrial change and development had not been accompanied by comparable developments in the organisation of the medical services.

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HAS OWN FIRE ENGINES

Fire Chief H. L. L. Woore, of Epping (Essex), OWNS his fire engines. He has two—one for Epping and one for Ongar. Now Epping Urban District Council want to buy them. They cost him £6,000, and he spends £600 a year on their maintenance.

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SHE COOKED DINNERS AT 99

Maria Doughty, who has died at Hambledon, Hampshire, aged 102, did most of her own cooking until she was nearly ninety-nine.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts: Lorry-driver at Highgate: I know these traffic lights very well, so naturally they were in my favour.

Police-constable at East Ham: I pointed out to the defendant that his steering gear was uncertain and dangerous, and he replied, "It's a sign of the times."

Motorist at South London: When I asked the officer to direct me to a lock-up, I very foolishly neglected to mention that I wanted it for my car.



This unusual picture from the London Zoo shows an "outsized" toad from South America. This creature, seated in the palm of the keeper's hand, weighs 1 1/4 lbs.

THREE NEW STAMPS

The Postmaster-General announces that 9d. 10d. and 1s. stamps of the King George VI issue will be on sale at post offices.

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SCIENTIST, 90, MAKES SAND GENERATE ELECTRICITY

What is believed to be a revolutionary discovery in methods of generating electricity was placed before the Physical Society in London.

The discovery has been made by Sir Ambrose Fleming, eminent scientist, now in his ninetieth year, and inventor of the thermionic valve used in wireless telephony.

His new method of electrification consists of allowing powdered silica to fall through a tube on to a perforated zinc plate, this action creating positive electricity.

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HATES IDLENESS:

ILL FROM OVERWORK

Sir Reginald Clarry, fifty-six, Conservative M.P. for Newport has been ordered by his doctor to rest for six weeks. He is suffering from the strain of overwork. A consulting engineer by profession, he advertised last May for a part-time appointment because he could not be idle. "I have found there is no such thing as retirement," he then said. "Political and other engagements do not take all my time."

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SAVED MILLIONS

Housewives of New York can thank the city's "racket-busting" District Attorney, Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, for a saving of \$10,000,000 in their annual bills. This is what Mr. William J. Fellowes Morgan, junr., Commissioner for markets, reports in announcing that enormous good has been done by driving racketeers out of the various food industries.

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PRESENTED FROM COURT

From a London police court:—Husband at Willesden: My wife is very dangerous if you don't let her have her own way.

Another husband at Willesden: My wife had fish and chips for her supper. All she gave me was a cup of tea.



Massed physical exercises are a feature of the training of future physical training instructors of the R.A.F. at Uxbridge.

SCANDINAVIA AND B PLA

"I can tell
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ON April 14th Lord Halifax in the House of Lords, and Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons declared that His Majesty's Government would feel themselves bound at once to lend the Greek or Rumanian Government, as the case might be, all support in their power if the independence of Greece or Rumania should be threatened in such a way that the Government of these countries considered it vital to resist with their national forces. Similar declarations have been made in regard to various other States, and it has been suggested both in Parliament and in the Press that this new policy of security should be extended to the Scandinavian countries.

So far, it is not known under what terms the guarantee has been given, whether it is a unilateral declaration or a reciprocal obligation of some kind or other. But without in any way reducing the importance of the declarations made in the present emergency, it can, no doubt, be said that the Northern countries have not requested and do not wish any such guarantee, nor have they been approached on this subject.

IT is the declared policy of all the Scandinavian countries to be alliance-free, to keep outside any block of Powers that may be formed and to observe a strict and unimpeachable neutrality. There is also among the people themselves a deep rooted feeling that guarantees of any kind would be prejudicial to their national independence.

During the Crimean war, at a time when Finland was part of the Russian empire, there was a great fear of Russian aggression in Norway and Sweden, and in 1855 the following treaty was concluded between the two Northern United Kingdoms, France and Great Britain:

"Art. I. His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway undertakes neither to cede to Russia nor to allow it to occupy any part of the territories belonging to the Swedish and Norwegian Crowns. His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway further undertakes not to cede to Russia any rights of pasturage, fishing or any other right whatsoever in the said territories or on the Swedish and Norwegian coasts and to reject any claim that may be made by Russia to establish any of the aforesaid rights.

Art. II. In the event of Russia laying before His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway any proposal or request tending to

obtain either the cession or exchange of any part of the territories of the Swedish and Norwegian Crown, or the permission to occupy certain points of the said territories, or fishing, pasturage or any other rights in these same territories, and on the coasts of Sweden and Norway, His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway undertakes immediately to communicate such proposal or request to His Majesty the Emperor of the French and to His Britannic Majesty, and their said Majesties undertake on their part to furnish His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway with sufficient naval and military forces to co-operate with the naval and military forces of His said Majesty in resisting the claims or aggressions of Russia. The nature, importance and destination of such forces will, in the given case, be fixed by joint agreement between the three Powers."

FOR States definitely bent on not being in any way or being regarded as protectorates, this treaty was not exactly ideal. There was a growing feeling against it, and in 1907 it was declared by Norway to be non-existent and was replaced by the treaty of November 1907 between Germany, France, Great Britain, Norway and Russia. The main articles of this treaty had the following text:

"Art. I. The Norwegian Government undertakes not to cede to any Power either for occupation or for any other reason any part of the Norwegian territory.

Art. II. The British and French Governments recognise to respect the integrity of Norway.

Should the integrity of Norway be menaced by any Power, the British and French Governments undertake consulting the Norwegian Government and by their support to maintain the integrity of Norway.

THIS "integrity" reflected the severing of the Norway and Sweden of co-operation between the three Powers."

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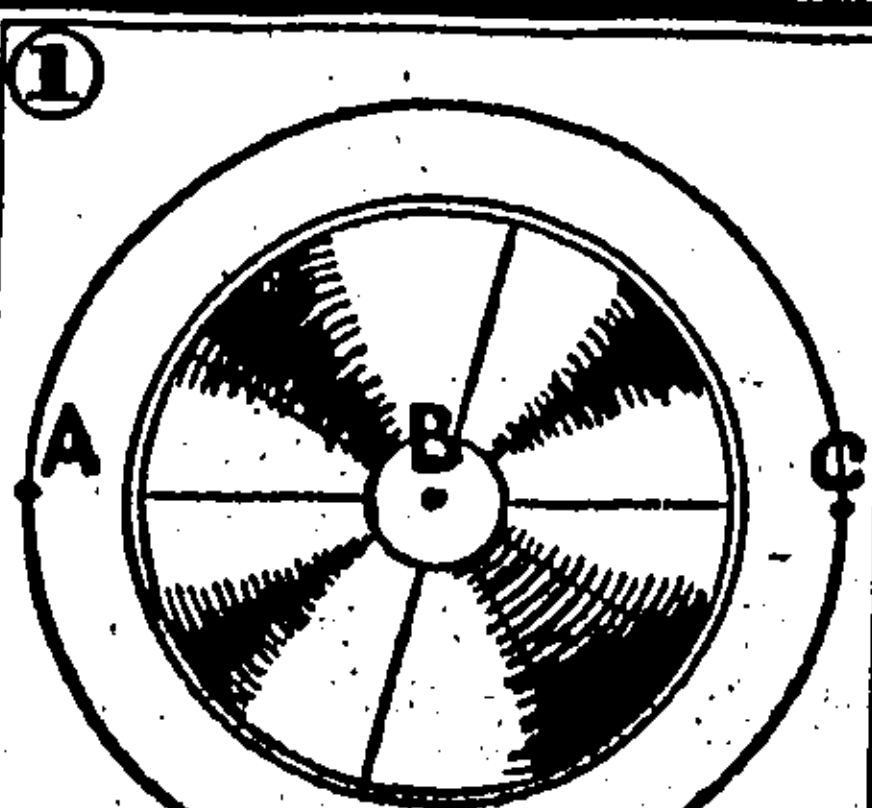
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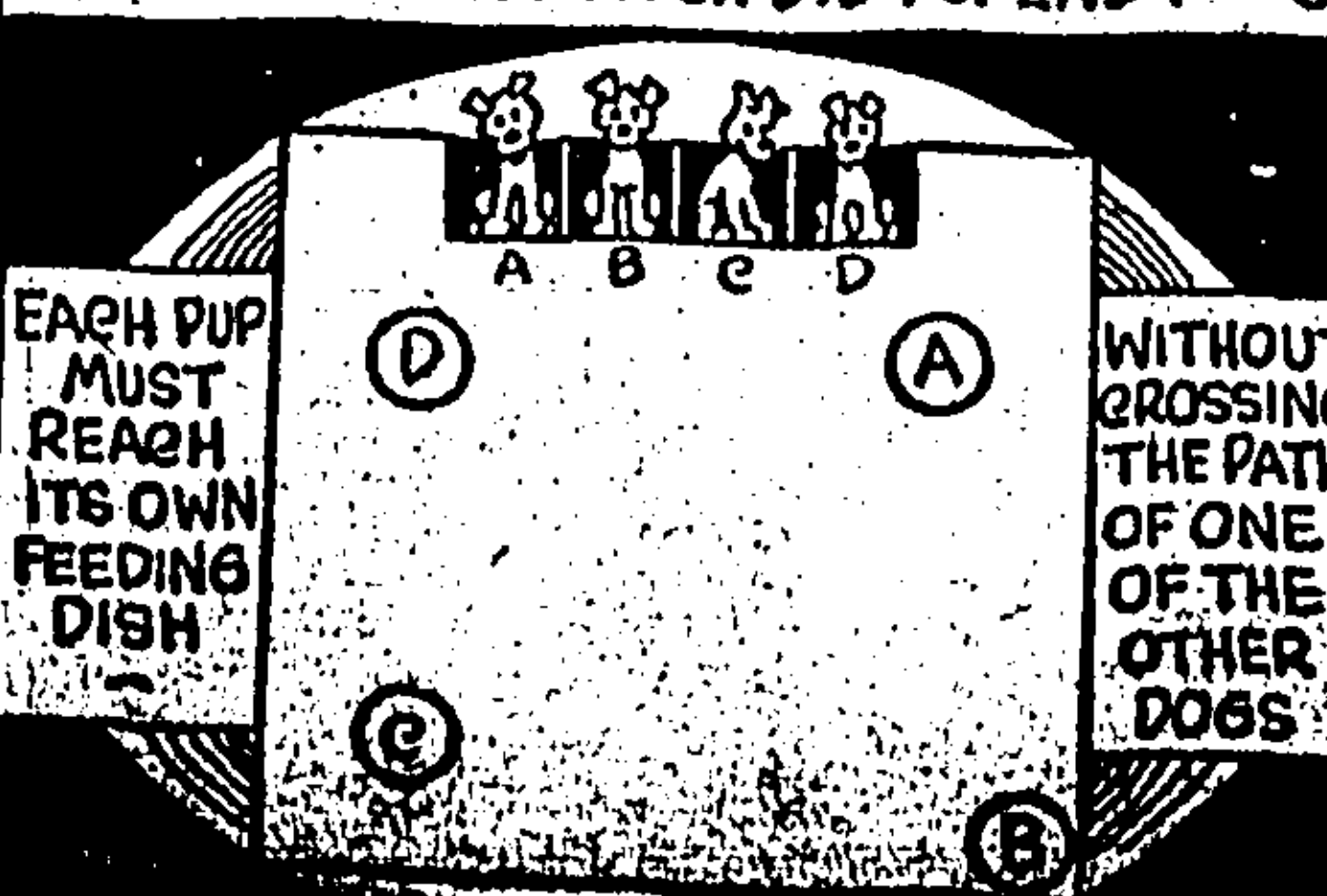
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TREES PATHS SHAPE

TAIN'S GUARANTEE

In Sweden the treaty of 1855 was replaced by the North Sea and Baltic Declaration of 1908 to which Denmark also was a party. With the outbreak of the Great War this Declaration ceased to exist, and it has never been renewed.

When Norway entered the League of Nations in 1920 it was felt that the treaty of November 1907 was incompatible with the Covenant and so had ceased to exist. But the Government of Russia (who was not a member State), when informed by the Norwegian Government of this interpretation, refused to accept it; and in 1924 Norway formally denounced the treaty.

SINCE then none of the Northern countries has concluded or has been willing to conclude any treaty of a nature similar to the agreements mentioned above.

The Great War taught the Northern countries the necessity of friendly co-operation; and in this there has been continual growth and progress, so that if need should arise, they are fully prepared for mutual support and assistance.

In an official statement, published after the meeting of the Kings of Denmark, Norway and Sweden in Oslo in November 1917, it was said:

"On account of the sympathy and solidarity between these countries the Governments agree to declare that however long the War may last and whatever forms it may adopt, the friendly and intimate relations between the States shall be maintained. Consonant with earlier statements and with the policy followed so far, it can be declared that it is the definite resolution of these countries severally to maintain their neutrality against the belligerent Powers."

The same feelings of Northern solidarity and will to preserve peace have animated the policy of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden during all the years since the War.

The very idea that the Scandinavian countries should need any special guarantees from any state or group of states is foreign to the Northern countries and would seem to imply that they had dangerous national or political disagreements with some nation or other, which is not the case.

ALL the Northern States are members of the League of Nations and signatories to the Kellogg-Briand pact for renunciation of war as an instrument of

national policy. It would probably be an exaggeration to state that they have to-day an unconditional and implicit belief in the collective security built upon the Covenant and the Kellogg-Briand treaty. But on the other hand, they do not feel convinced that any special guarantee, given by one or more of their co-signatories, would materially lessen an eventual danger of aggression from an outside Power.

Of course, the great difficulty of the moment, perhaps the greatest, is the general distrust between governments, states and nations. What might be called the international political credit-system has completely broken down. No state believes whole-heartedly in any promise given by any other state to-day. Covenants, pacts, treaties, conventions and agreements violated on the slightest pretext; obligations, undertakings, promises and guarantees not fulfilled have left the world in a state of moral chaos; as states have gone off gold, so they have gone off their whole system of political responsibilities. It is hardly the opportune moment for inspiring confidence. That cannot be done by words any longer, however beautiful and reassuring. It can only be done by deeds, however modest.

THE nations have lost interest in guarantees on paper, they are not deluded quite so easily as they used to be. They even have a lurking suspicion of slogans and are not convinced that democracy or the reverse is the true touchstone of action taken by Great Powers.

The Northern countries are fully aware that an absolute condition for remaining neutral in case of a European conflict must be to arm to such an extent that no attempt on their territories could meet with an immediate success and to be prepared to defend their independence to the utmost of their power. That is why they have, in all four countries, with the consensus of all political parties, voted larger credits for national defence than they have ever done before—even if it can be discussed whether the sacrifices made in Denmark and Norway are sufficient.

The four nations are also fully persuaded that it will be in the interest of every country and of the future of European civilisation that one corner of Europe should remain neutral if the worst should come to the worst, and convinced that the world is longing for hope once more, and also for plain speech.

THAT is why the attitude of the President of the United States has been followed with so keen an attention in most countries. The United States are in a singular position. They have not extended their territories as a result of the War, they do not rule conquered nations, their great cities and their frontiers are in no immediate exterior danger. Akin to all the nations of Europe and indebted to all of them, in spite of war-loans, for their very population they alone can hope to understand and be understood and to incur a minimum of suspicion.

When the United States unreservedly and openly emerge from the shadows of isolation there will be a possibility of starting upon a fresh era of international co-operation and co-ordination.

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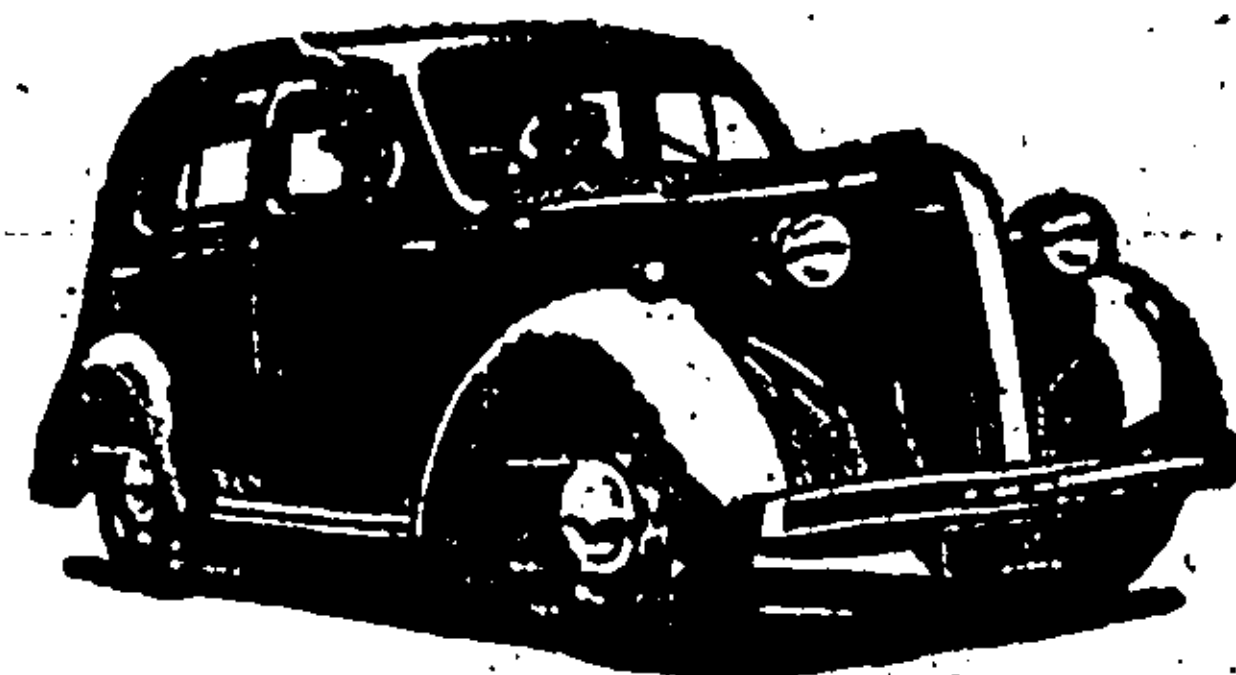
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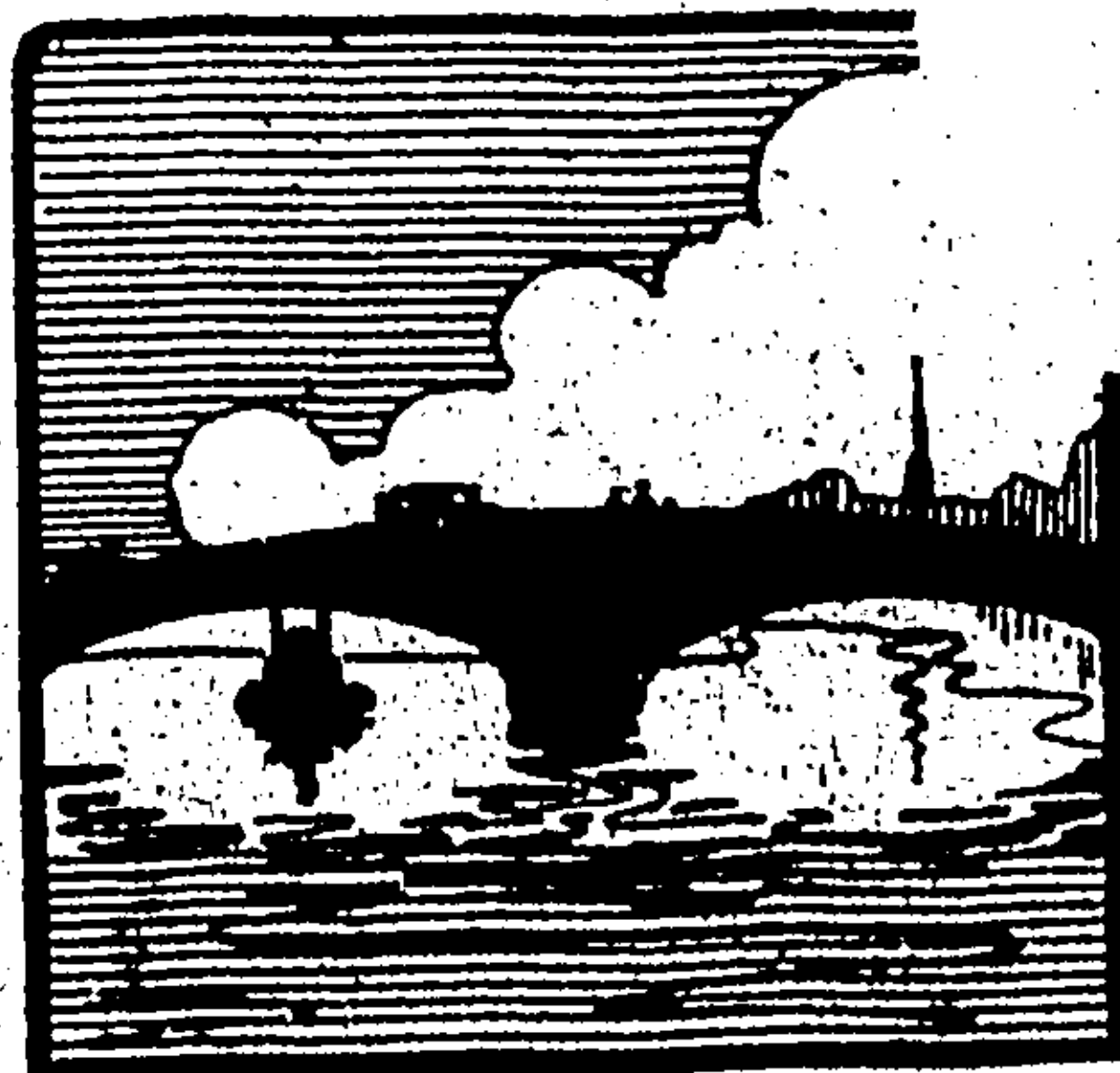
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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Every action this day must have a good motive, for it to succeed. This appears to be a day when real merit will be recognised and substantially rewarded. A desire for excitement may lead to many foolish physical and financial risks, so be careful about taking chances of any kind. Whatever you do, it might be well to remember that "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," for apparently this is a day when many people will suffer from retribution for attempted reprisals, accusations, plots and counterplots. Keep most of your impulses under restraint this day because whatever you do is apt to require careful planning or deliberation. Try to avoid having to offer excuses or explanations, for the former may not be well received, and the latter probably will be heard with a good deal of scepticism. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are busy courting, must practice no form of deception this day, if they wish to keep out of hot water.

If a woman and May 25 is your birthday, your moods may vary greatly. With you, whatever is a matter of habit is the thing that seems to be the paramount issue. Be careful that doing things by rule does not get you into a rut and be the cause of your foregoing a good deal of pleasure. You must avoid clinging to any one idea, or doing things simply as a matter of course, if you wish to keep free of complications. You may be in-

clined to overdo things, particularly when it comes to self-indulgence. As a business woman, author, teacher, sales agent, model, musician or reformer your reputation may make you an outstanding member of your community, with an income that will command the trades people's respect. As a married woman your opportunities for social advancement and happiness are apparently unlimited.

The child born on May 25 must not be permitted to become self-

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Another attraction is the way in which knives, forks, and spoons are attached to various articles, preventing them from slipping about and getting greasy or sticky. This is done by means of small slotted projections on the surface of the wood in which the handles rest, or by shaped grooves let into the thickness of the wood and made to fit the knife exactly.

A new breakfast set specially designed to meet the problem of how to carry a well filled tray without fear of the different objects colliding with one another, is made of walnut and is remarkably neat and accomodating. Each article, including egg cups, egg spoons, knife, butter dish, marmalade dish, toast rack, sugar bowl and spoon, napkin rings, and condiment set, is made to fit into its own special place, and cannot slip off. The tray takes up the minimum amount of room and can be carried with perfect safety.

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Beauty and You

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FIVE SIMPLE EXERCISES STRENGTHEN WEAKENED EYES

A very considerate reader sent me five eye exercises which, she claims, strengthens her eyesight remarkably.

"I wore glasses for fourteen years. My eyes were so poor the doctor informed me that I would have to stop work," she writes. "I was then in my late twenties. These exercises relieved the awful pain in my weak eyes and aided me to see without my eyeglasses.

"The movements not only help straight eyes, but correct crossed eyes. I know of a little girl who wore very thick glasses and whose eyes were crossed. In three



Blinking strengthens your eyesight. Blink many times a day!

months time her eyes were straight and she began to grow rapidly. Her entire system was strengthened."

ANYONE CAN DO THEM

1—Night and morning move the head slowly from extreme left to extreme right blinking the eyes as you do this. Then roll the head slowly down to one side, up and around, making a complete circle. Blink the eyes as you do this.

In the beginning go through the first movement twenty-five times night and morning and increase to one hundred times. The second movement should be done from twenty-five to thirty times night and morning.

2—For circulation. Place real hot cloths (wrung out of hot water) on closed eyes for several minutes. When cloths cool, heat them again. Then place cold cloths on eyes

(wrung out of chilled water).

3—Place the palms of your hands lightly over your eyes. Think of something pleasant so you will relax. Keep the palms there for fifteen minutes. Do this several times a day whenever your eyes feel tired or strained.

4—Look up at the sun with closed eyes. Move head very, very slowly from left to right so the rays will penetrate your eye-lids evenly. Do this thirty minutes a day. You may do it in fifteen minute periods. Do not frown or squint. At first this exercise may bother you but it soon will become a pleasure as you feel the sun healing your eyes.

5—Place a sign with the word "Blink" on it, in a prominent place to remind you to blink often dur-

ing the day. Blinking lubricates the eyes. Blinking while you read or while you do close work is very beneficial.

IF YOU WEAR EYE-GLASSES

As you practice these eye exercises, try to do without your eye glasses.

"The first day I took my glasses off I had to put them back on for short periods. In a few days I discarded them entirely," writes the person who sent me these eye movements.

"The first week I bathed my eyes several times during the day with hot and cold cloths. The reason for trying to get along without your glasses is that the exercising is strengthening your eyes and your glasses may be too strong."

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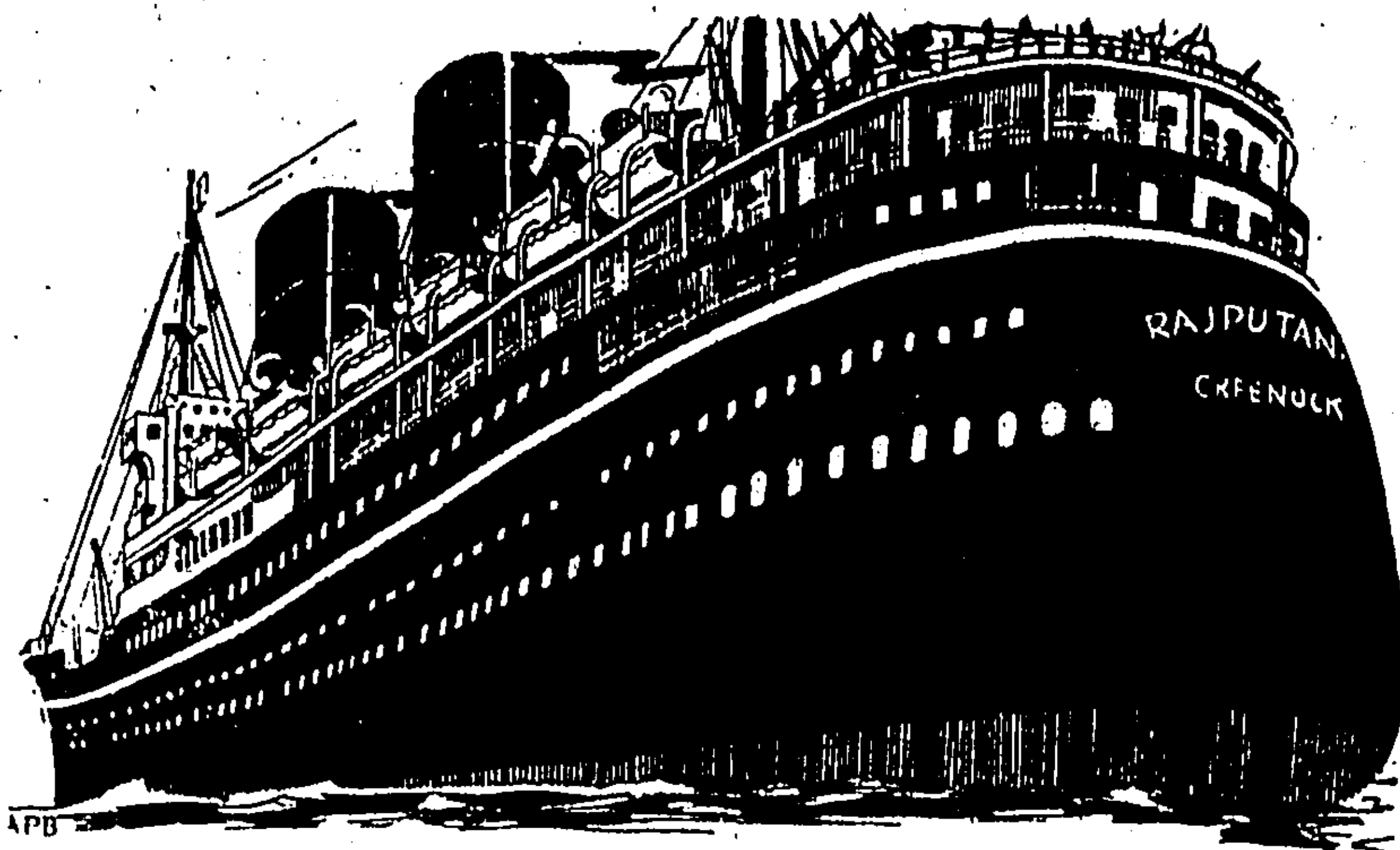
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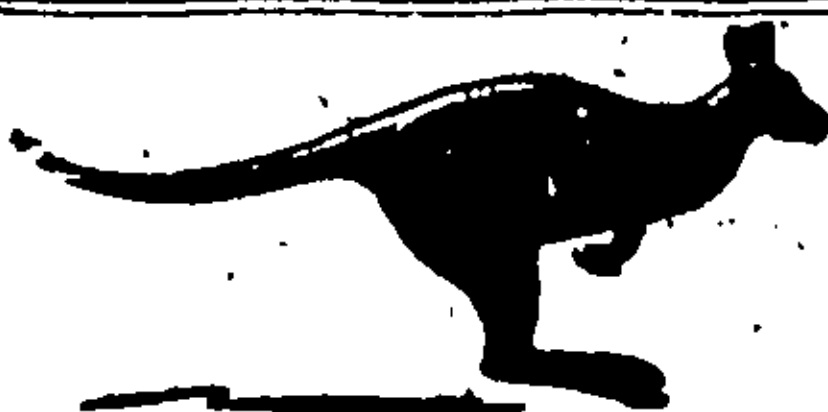
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GENERAL HOLIDAY

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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of Registered and Ordinary Correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

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Manila	Nosiro Maru	May 25.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 17th May	Pan-American Airways Plane	May 25.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	May 25.
Straits	Behar	May 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Doumer	May 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 29th April)	Pres. Hayes	May 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	May 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 5th May)	Pres. Coolidge	May 26.
Japan	Kamo Maru	May 25.
Java	Tjisaroa	May 26.
Manila	Roseville	May 26.
Manila	Niel Maersk	May 26.
Japan	Nagpore	May 27.
Japan	Yuensang	May 27.
Shanghai	Victoria	May 27.

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per THURSDAY	Date and Time.
Formosa	Danmark	Thur., May 25, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Pres. Doumer	Thur., May 25, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C., and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 16th June.	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., May 25, 5.00 p.m.
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	G.P.O.	Par., ... Thur., May 25, 4.00 p.m.
		Reg., ... Thur., May 25, 5.00 p.m.
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 1st June.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 25, 5.00 p.m.
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	G.P.O.	Reg., ... May 25, 5 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 2nd June.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 25, 5.00 p.m.
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		Ord., ... May 25, 7 p.m.
	FRIDAY	
Shanghai and Dairen	Antiochus	Fri., May 26, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 1st June.	Pan-American Airways Plane	May 26, 5.00 p.m.
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		Ord., ... May 25, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., ... May 25, 5 p.m.
		Ord., ... May 25, 7.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	May 26, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kwangtung	May 26, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service".	Air France Plane	Fri., May 26, 5.00 p.m.
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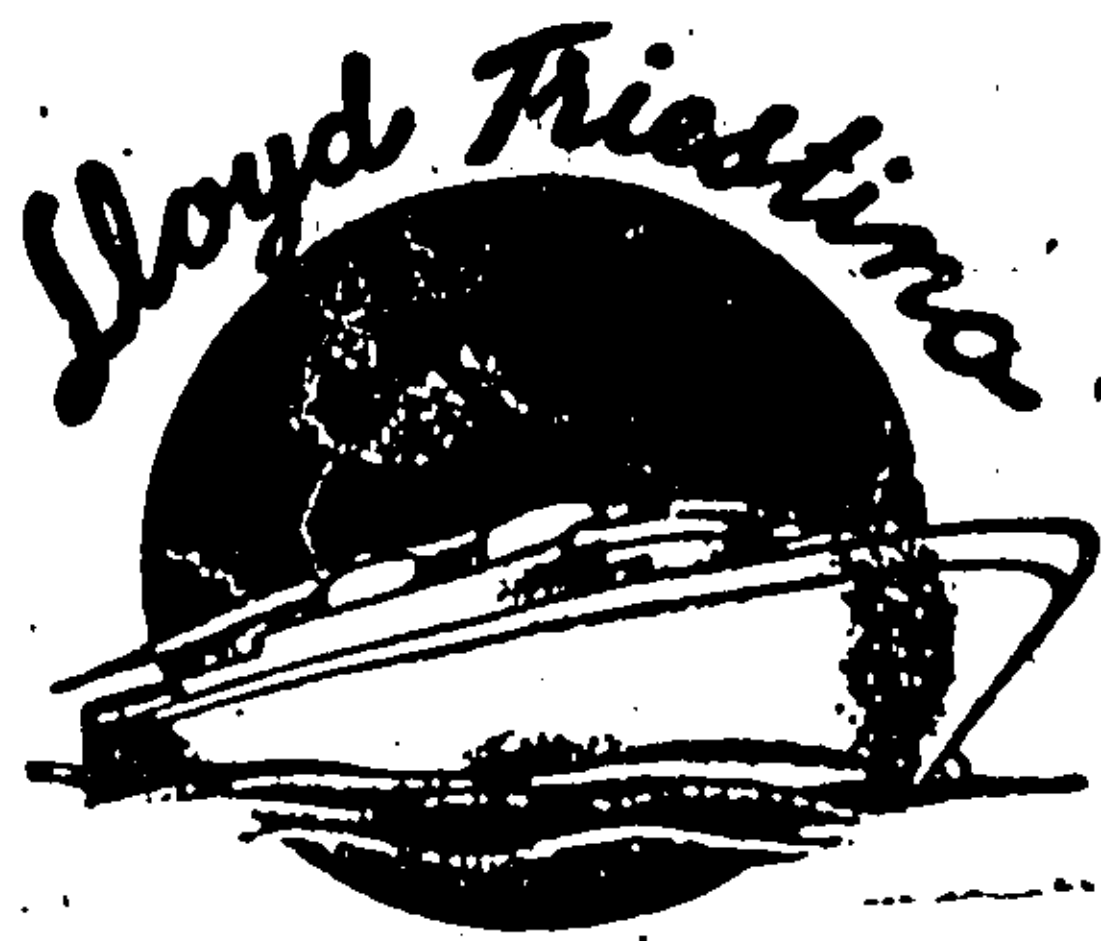
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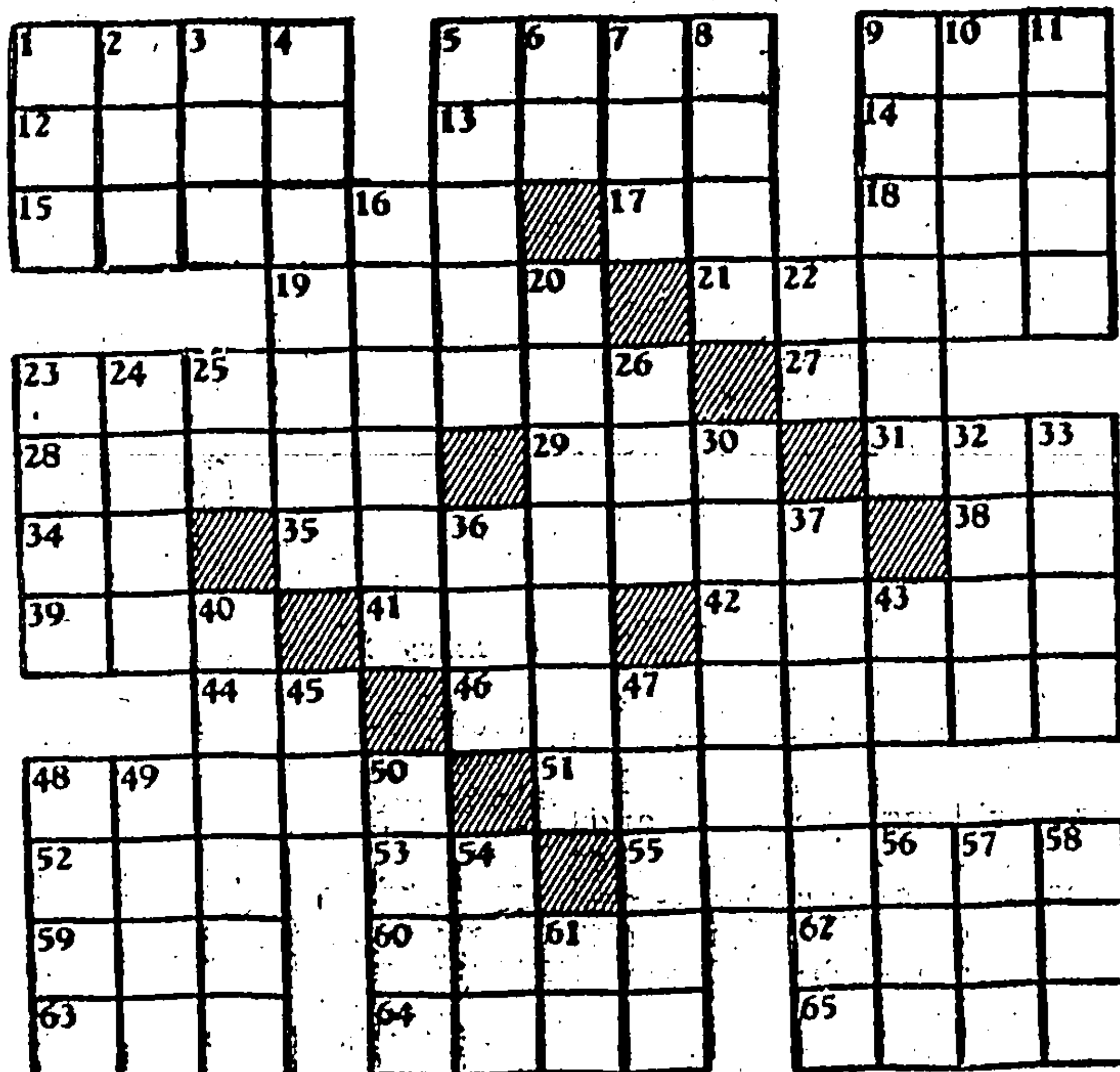
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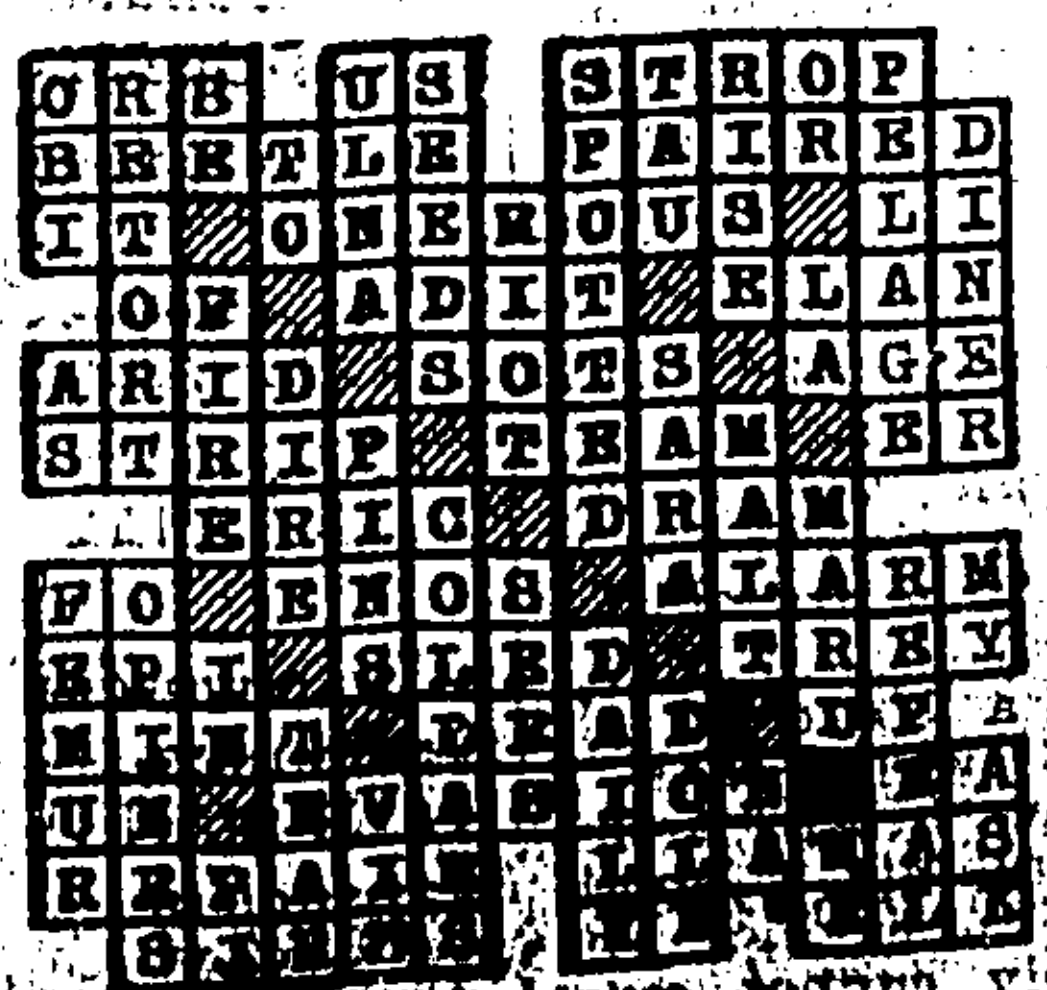
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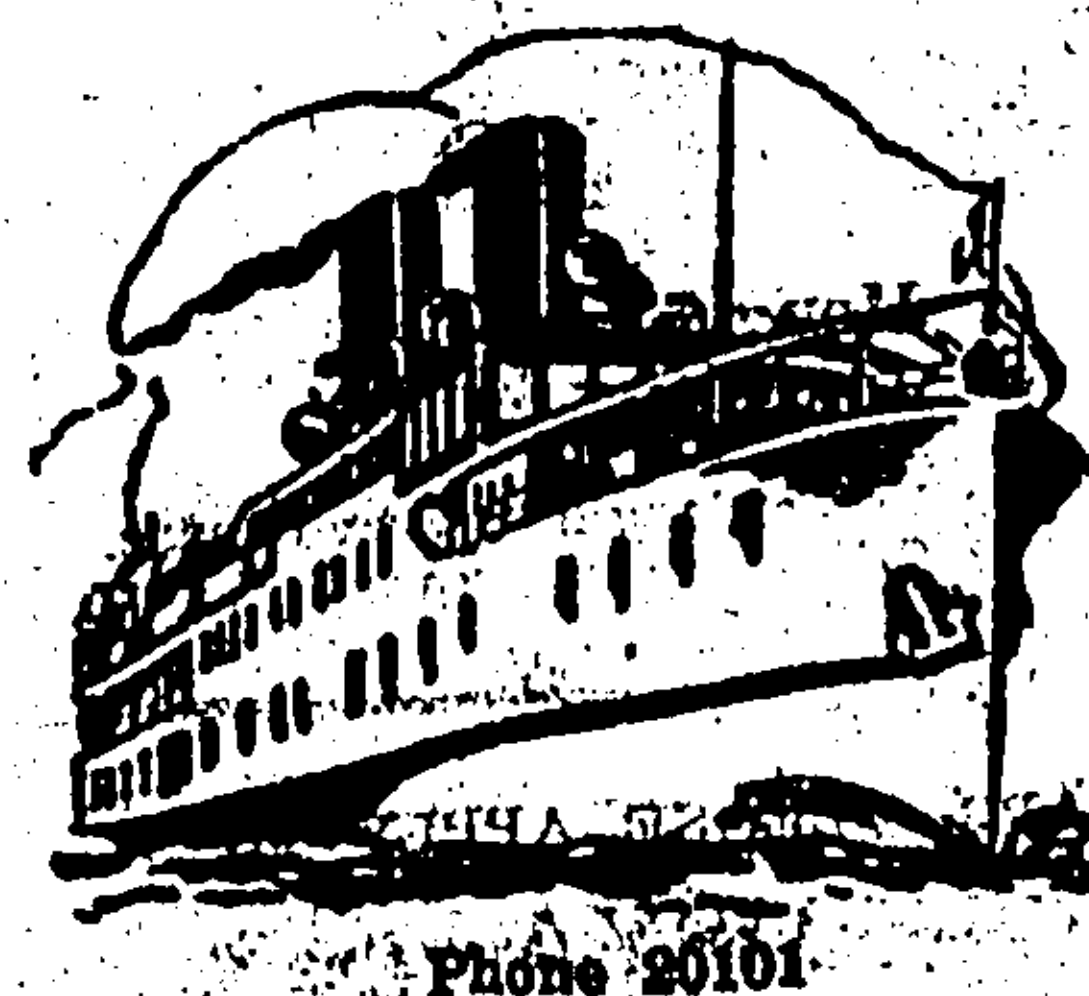
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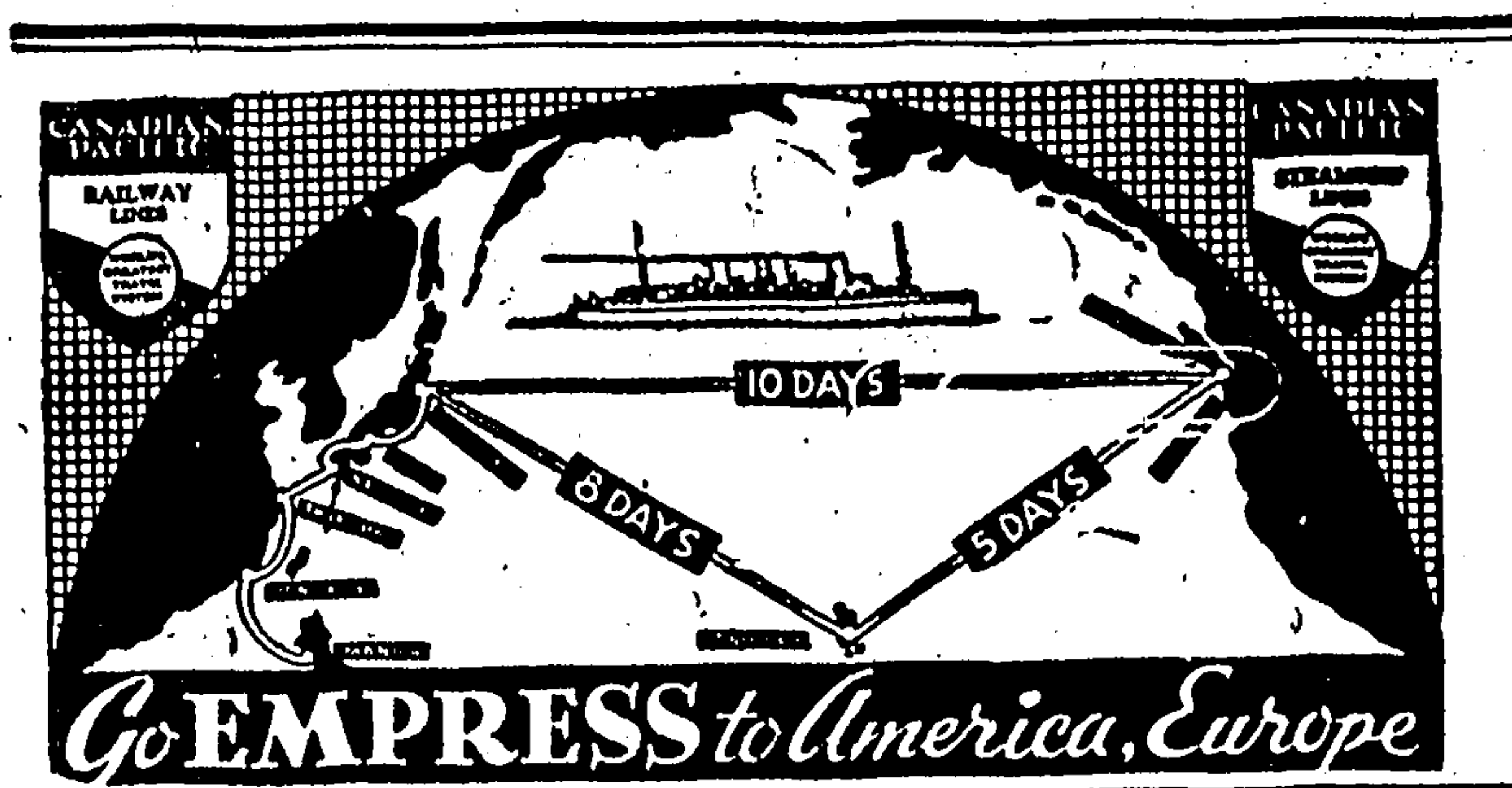
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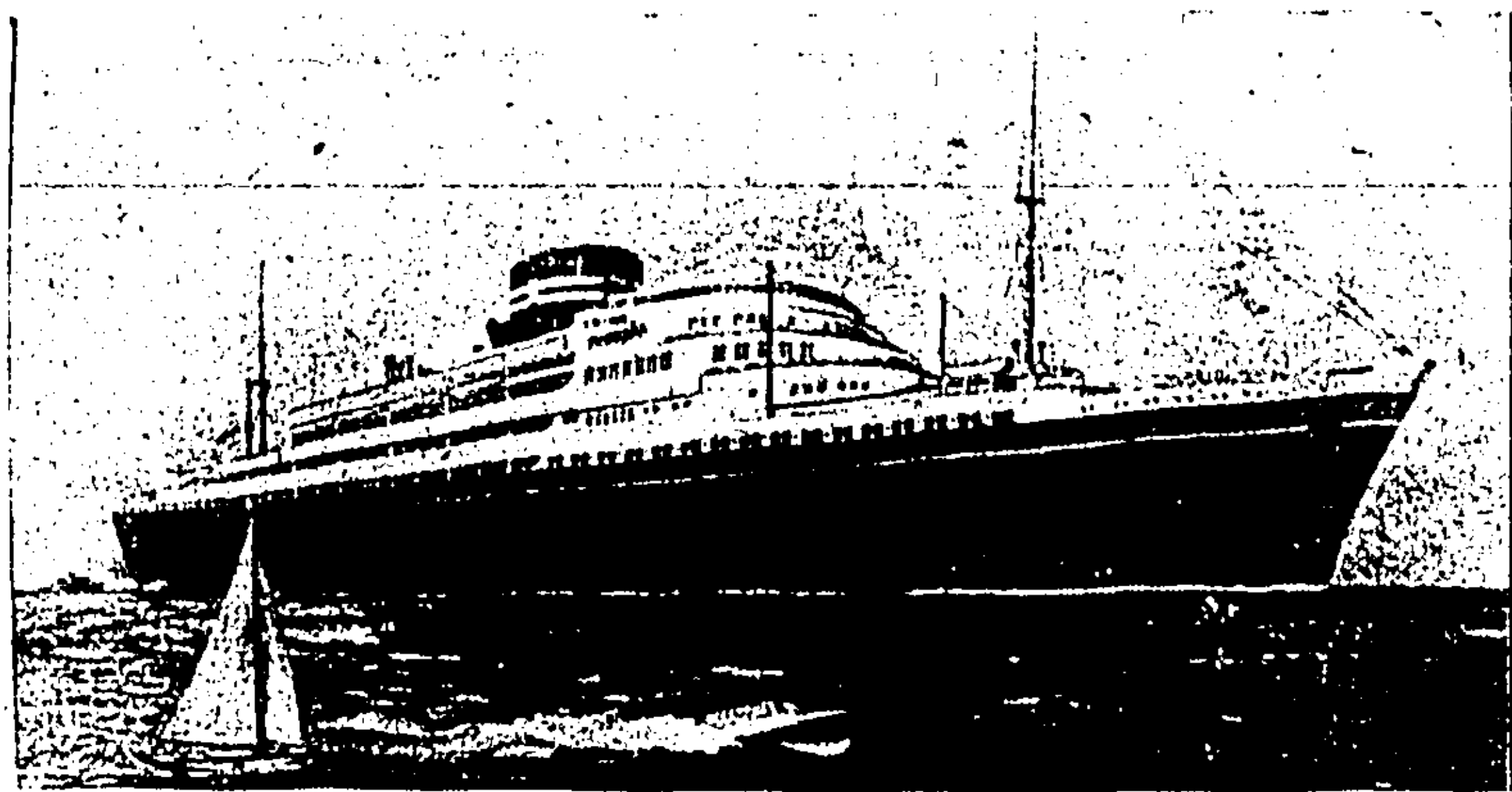
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GERMANY'S FOREIGN TRADE

Berlin, To-day.

German foreign imports in April revealed a sharp decline as compared with March, having dropped from 513 million Marks to 302.6 million marks.

Exports were down from 439.5 million marks to 437.7 million marks.

The Reich Bureau of Statistics attributes the decline to the period of the year.

Imports from European countries decreased from 311 million marks in March to 236 million in April while those from overseas fell from 201 million to 166 million marks.

Exports to European countries declined from 352 million marks in March to 300 million in April while those to the overseas countries dropped from 137 million to 128 million.

Imports from Great Britain declined by 5.7 million marks, exports to Great Britain dropping by the same amount.

Imports from Holland were down 3.3 million marks, from the Union of South-Africa 3.8 million, from Rhodesia 1.1 million, from the British East Indies 2.4 million, from Dutch East Indies 2.9 million and from the U.S. 11.4 million marks.

German exports to Holland dropped by 5.1 million, to the British East Indies by 6.4 million, to Dutch East Indies by 1 million marks. — Trans-Ocean.

A 11-year-old European girl, Miss G. Robert, residing at No. 214, Prince Edward Road, was yesterday bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. D. Cooper, of the Kowloon Riding School. The girl was treated at the Kowloon Hospital and the dog was sent to Matakok for observation.

A small dinghy is reported missing from 11½-mile beach.

The owner, Mr. Buckburg, of No. 92, Nathan Road, has reported that the craft either drifted away or was stolen between May 21 and May 24.

Brussels, To-day.

The entire Belgian press is filled with the visit to Brussels of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

The newspapers comment on the speeches by King Leopold and Queen Wilhelmina stressing the desire that Belgo-Dutch co-operation be extended to the other small nations of Europe. — Trans-Ocean.

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ITALO-GERMAN AIR STAFF TALKS

Berlin, To-day.

It is announced that the Secretary of State in the Air Ministry, General Milch, left Berlin yesterday for Rome where, on behalf of Field Marshal Goering, he will discuss with the Italian Air Minister, various questions arising out of the military alliance between the two countries.

General Milch is accompanied by the former German air attache in Rome, Colonel von Waldau, and several other officers of the German air force. — Trans-Ocean.

CHARITY FAIR RAFFLE DRAWN

The Children's Charity Fair and Dress Parade held yesterday in aid of the National Association for the care of War Orphans netted almost \$2,500.

The following were the results of the various raffles:

50 cents Raffle

1.—No. 935, Rolex Wrist Watch, 2.—No. 302, Camera, 3.—No. 918, French Doll, 4.—No. 480, Doll, 5.—No. 934, Two Alhambra Theatre tickets.

30 cents Raffle

1.—No. 94, Rocking horse, 2.—No. 19, Doll, and 3.—No. 56 Doll.

20 cents Raffle

1.—No. 912, Tricycle, 2.—No. 219, Doll's bed, 3.—No. 25, Perfume, 4.—No. 100, Boxes of Powder, 5.—No. 230, Two Star Theatre tickets.

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No. 357—Two King's Theatre Tickets.

Programme

No. 63—Two Queen's Theatre Tickets.

NAILED DOWN IN OWN HATCH

"They forced us into the hold and then nailed down the hatch," stated 21-year-old Ho Chak, master of boat No. 1318, in reporting a piracy in Chinese waters close to the Colony.

Ho's boat, loaded with kerosene and rolls of cloth was stopped by another boat at about 9 a.m. last Tuesday near Ma Wan Kok, off Chek Wan.

There were five on board the boat. Three boarded. Ho's cargo was transferred.

After the pirates had left, Ho and his folks managed to smash the hatch and escape. They arrived in the Colony yesterday.

London, To-day.

The South African Union is issuing to-day a loan for £5,000,000. This is the first time since 1932 that South Africa has appeared on the London money market. — Trans-Ocean.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 29th. MAY, 1939. (Whit Monday).

Hong Kong, 24th. May, 1939.

BLAKE PIER INCIDENT: AN \$80 FINE

FOR ASSAULTING AN INDIAN CONSTABLE ON BLAKE PIER LAST MONTH, H. MUELLER, OF HANKOW ROAD, WAS FINED \$80 BY MR. R. EDWARDS AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING.

Det.-Sergt. A. A. Shaw, for the prosecution, said that the incident occurred at 1.20 in the morning. The constable was on duty on Blake Pier with instructions to enquire whether persons approaching the pier wanted a boat.

The constable approached Mueller, who pushed him out of the way. The constable again approached him, when he was hit by Mueller and fell down. The constable tried to arrest him and the two rolled around on the ground struggling. The constable was struck on the back of the head and was unconscious for about 30 seconds. When he got up he was staggering and fell into the water, where he was rescued by boatmen.

Mueller was taken to Central Police Station, where he appeared to be under the influence of drink. Det.-Sergt. Shaw said he was instructed to ask that a serious view be taken of the case. The constable had spent four weeks in hospital suffering from the effects of immersion and from para-typhoid.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said he was very sorry. He had had a few drinks too many.

Mr. Edwards, fining defendant \$80, said that assaulting a constable was a serious offence. However, he would take into consideration the sort of duty the constable was on. Perhaps he had been in Muller's way. He would also take into consideration that Mueller had had a few drinks.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-25/32. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-1/16 and forward at 19-7/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.6821 and the New York-London rate at £-U.S.\$4.68-1/4.

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



Answer to-morrow.

JAPANESE LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese headquarters yesterday received a report that a new Japanese offensive had been launched on the eastern shore of Lake Tungting.

The object of this offensive, however, is not yet clearly discernible.

According to reports here, the Japanese pushed forward along river Singhiang and reached the town of Kengchow, which is located 25 kilometres south of Yochow. Some observers believe that the Japanese will continue this attack in the direction of Changsha while others regard the Japanese operations merely as a preliminary manoeuvre to a surprise attack in the direction of Ichang on the Yangtse.

Regular Chinese divisions are engaged in guerilla operations. — Trans-Ocean.

DRAMATIC RAID ON TSINANFU

Chengchow, To-day.

Dramatic attacks have been made by Chinese forces on Tsinan.

Units broke into the city, destroyed the power plant, and set fire to many Japanese military establishments before they withdrew.

Other Chinese units meanwhile attacked Chienfushan (Thousand-Buddha Hill) outside the city. Several hundred Japanese are believed to have lost their lives as a result of the Chinese attacks.

Heavy Japanese reinforcements have been rushed to Tsinan. — Central News.

WANG'S JOURNEY

Chungking, To-day.

A Shanghai message states that Mr. Wang Ching-wei, expelled Kuomintang leader, has flown back to Shanghai from Japan after negotiating with the Japanese Government. — Central News.

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VINES PLAYS WELL IN SECOND ROUND BUT BEATEN IN NEXT

Hoylelake, To-day. — In the second round of the English Amateur Golf Championship, the professional tennis player, Ellsworth Vines, played brilliant golf to beat Ratcliffe by 4 and 3. Vines finished the round in level fours.

I. Lyle of Liverpool beat the English champion, A. Bentley, by 2 and 1.

POLO

Ranelagh Colt's Cup

London, May 7. — It had been intended to make a start with match play, at Ranelagh, yesterday, but the game arranged between Capt. A. H. Barclay's Edmundsbury team and a Ranelagh side was cancelled owing to Friday's rain.

As a number of our leading players are away in America for the Westchester Cup, and also because no visiting teams from abroad are expected, there will only be a few high-handicap teams this season. The only two sides that have entered for the Hurlingham Whitney Cup Tournament are Adsean composed, as last season, of the Hon. M. R. Samuel, Mr. J. P. Robinson, Capt. N. G. Morrison, and Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., and the Juggernauts (Messrs. G. J. Kidston, W. G. Carr, A. M. Horsburgh-Porter, and R. W. Hobson). Roehampton, who start their season on Saturday, will stage the final this year. Polo will also be begun at Hurlingham in the course of this week.

Play in England this season will be under the proposed International Rules of Polo. Under this code the duration of play in a full-time match will be sixty minutes, divided into eight periods of seven and a half minutes each, instead of the former Hurlingham maximum duration of play of seven periods of eight minutes each. In the event

In the third round, R. Chapman of the United States beat Yates, the holder, by 4 and 3.

John Baillieu, of Australia, beat Vines by 2 and 1 in the third round. Vines took 18 for the first three holes, losing all.

C. Timmis, of Royal Liverpool, beat Hector Thomson, the ex-champion, 2 up, while James Bruen, the youthful Irish champion who beat Crawley in a previous round, advanced at the expense of E. Hamilton.—Reuter.

PIGEON RACING

Third Trial Flight For Sunday

A large attendance of members is expected at Kowloon Railway Station on Sunday for the third trial flight organised by the Racing Pigeon Club.

Members will meet at Kowloon Railway Station at 10 a.m. and the birds transported to the New Territories, where they will be released at Un Long.

In order to cover the cost of transport, members will be required to pay a small cover-charge of 20 cents.

Non-members of the Club are cordially invited to participate. There will be no limit to entries.

of matches under handicap conditions being played of shorter duration, the difference in handicap will be worked out proportionately, so that in a six chukker match the start allowed will be—instead of as heretofore—6-7 of the difference—6-8 (i.e., $\frac{3}{4}$) of the difference.

RECREIO MIGHT BEAT C.R.C.

An interesting game should be seen in the Second Section of the "D" Division of the Tennis League this afternoon when C.R.C. entertain Recreio at Causeway Bay.

C.R.C. are not quite as strong in this Division as in the higher Divisions and a Recreio victory would occasion no great surprise. The result should be very close.

Other matches should result in victories for Kowloon Tong, K.I.T.C., Radio, and South China.

The match between European Y.M.C.A. and I.R.C. (B), scheduled to be played to-day has been postponed and will now be played to-morrow on the latter's ground.

PROGRAMME

"D" Division (I)		"D" Division (II)	
K.C.C.	v. K.T.G.C.A.	C.R.C.	v. C.D.R.
Y.M.C.A.	v. I.R.C. (B)	I.R.C. (A)	v. R.P.S.C.
K.I.T.C.	v. K.D.R.C.	C.S.C.C.	v. S.C.A.A.

TEAMS

Y.M.C.A.:—W. Lammex and A. Gemmell; W. Long and D. Spare; E. Curtis and A. Pinn.

I.R.C. (B):—M. P. Madar and M. I. Razack; T. Nazarin and J. R. Marques; K. M. Rumjahn and T. Hamet.

I.R.C. 1st team:—M. Hassan and T. Ali; T. W. Fin and A. F. Rumjahn; I. Kitchell and E. J. Suffiad.

C.S.C.C.:—A. M. J. Wright and E. F. A. Morgan; L. G. Buckle and A. J. Peaker; Harper and B. Baxter.

S.C.A.A.:—K. C. Wong and K. T. Ng; C. H. Wong and P. Y. Kwok; H. L. Wong and C. N. Tsang.

R.S.C.:—Wong Ching-wai and Ho Tak-sang; Fung Ying-sing and Chau Chun-ip; Tso Kwok and So Yau-kit.

K.C.C.:—J. M. Gillard and H. W. Crabb; R. Blyth and F. Perry; K. Broch and Jonowski or A. Philippines.

ARMY CRICKET

SAPPERS WIN LARGE UNITS' COMPETITION

ROYAL Engineers yesterday won the Large Units' cricket knockout competition by virtue of a victory over Royal Artillery by 7 wickets.

The match started on Tuesday.

Resuming yesterday with their score at 101 for 7 wickets in reply to Artillery's 107, Engineers added another 19 runs, their score being carried to 120.

Spr. Shaw and Q.M.S. Buckle, the overnight not outs, did not stay very much longer, Shaw being dismissed without addition to his 42 and Buckle adding a single.

Barsby kept a fine length throughout and his 4 for 26 in 17 overs represented some excellent bowling.

Denyer bowled much too well for Artillery in their second innings, only Hodgson and Carter reaching double-figures in a total of 84.

Thanks to some useful batting by Q.M.S. Goodger and Spr. Heath, Engineers knocked off the required runs for the loss of 3 wickets.



ROYAL ENGINEERS

1st Innings

Q.M.S. Goodger, b Barsby	20
Spr. Heath, c Hodgson, b Barsby	6
L/Sgt. Land, c Ward, b Skipworth	0
Spr. Shaw, lbw., b Barsby	42
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Burrows, b Ward	3
Spr. Bailey, c Barsby, b Ward	7
Col. Denyer, b Ward	1
Sgt. Carpenter, b Lt. Hook	4
Q.M.S. Buckle, b Ward	10
Spr. Cork, not out	5
Q.M.S. Bartlett, c Skipworth, b Barsby	6
Extras (B9, LB1, WB6)	16

Total

Total	120
Fall of wickets:—1 for 16 (Heath)	
2 for 19 (Land) 3 for 34 (Goodger)	
4 for 53 (Ratcliffe) 5 for 64 (Bailey)	
6 for 75 (Denyer) 7 for 76 (Carpenter)	
8 for 109 (Shaw) 9 for 113 (Buckle)	
10 for 120 (Bartlett).	

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barsby	17	5	26	4
Skipworth	10	3	24	1
Ward	13	1	37	4
Hook	7	1	17	1

2nd Innings

Q.M.S. Goodger, run out	19
Spr. Heath, c Burrows, b Hook	37
L/Sgt. Land, not out	12
Spr. Shaw, c Marshall, b Barsby	0
Spr. Ratcliffe, not out	3
Extras (B1, LB2)	3

Total (for 3 wks.)

Total (for 3 wks.)	74
Spr. Bailey, Cpl. Denyer, Sgt. Carpenter, Q.M.S. Buckle, Spr. Cork, and Q.M.S. Bartlett, did not bat.	
Fall of wickets:—1 for 56 (Heath)	
2 for 65 (Goodger) 3 for 65 (Shaw).	

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barsby	10	0	33	1
Ward	5	0	15	0
Hook	0	0	28	1

ROYAL ARTILLERY

1st Innings	107
2nd Innings	84
Lt. Hook, lbw., b Denyer	11
Lt. Ingram, lbw., b Denyer	7
Gnr. Hodgson, b Cork	20
Q.M.S. Flinter, b Denyer	1
Bdr. Chaplin, b Shaw	6
Lt. Skipworth, c Bartlett, b Denyer	0
Gnr. Burrows, c Bartlett, b Denyer	5
Gnr. Barsby, c Bartlett, b Shaw	4
Bdr. Carter, not out	13
Gnr. Marshall, c Ratcliffe, b Denyer	4
Gnr. Ward, c Carpenter, b Denyer	2
Extras (B11)	11
Total	84
Fall of wickets:—1 for 7 (Ingram)	
2 for 42 (Hook) 3 for 44 (Hodgson)	
4 for 44 (Skipworth) 5 for 44 (Flinter)	
6 for 56 (Burrows) 7 for 62 (Bartlett)	
8 for 67 (Chaplin) 9 for 72 (Marshall)	
10 for 84 (Ward).	

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Land	6	1	18	0
Denyer	15	2	29	5
Cork	5	2	6	1
Shaw	5	0	20	2

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GOLF

Strong Overseas Challenge For British Open

GULDAHL, SNEAD AND A.D. LOCKE AMONG ENTRANTS

HAGEN TO TRY FOR FIFTH TITLE

London, May 9.—All the indications point to a strong challenge on the part of overseas players for the Open championship at St. Andrews in the first week in July.

The United States Open, which is to be played at the Philadelphia Country Club, concludes on June 10, an interval of three weeks between the two championships giving American players ample time to make the trip to Great Britain.

Among those who have already intimated their intention of competing at St. Andrews are Guldahl, who has won the U.S. Open two years in succession; Snead, the biggest drawing card in American golf; Sarazen, a former winner of the British Open and a popular figure in this country; J. Thomson, the world's mightiest hitter; and Walter Hagen, the most outstanding personality in the game.

Apparently Hagen has deferred his farewell to the competitive side of golf until after the British Open, which he has won four times, but never at St. Andrews. "I am going to have one more shot at it," he says, though at the age of forty-seven he can scarcely fail to realise that the dice are loaded against him. It is Hagen's ambition to win at St. Andrews, a course where, he says, the spoils do not always go to the younger generation.

This is hardly borne out by the facts, for the three championships played at St. Andrews in the post-war period have all been won by comparatively young men. Jock Hutchison was thirty-six when he won in 1921, after tying with Roger Wethered; R. T. Jones was twenty-five at the time of his victory in 1927; and Densmore Shute was twenty-eight when he won in 1933, after a tie with Craig Wood. It is significant that all three championships were won by Americans, a fact which prompted Hagen, no doubt alluding to himself, to say, "Why not a fourth!"

Remarkable Feat

The most dangerous players of the American contingent are Guldahl and Snead, who, between them, appear to have monopolised most of the principal events in the States. Guldahl is twenty-eight, and besides winning the U.S. Open two years running, a feat which in the last twenty-six years only one other player—R. T. Jones—has accomplished, he has won the Western Open, an event of almost equal importance, three years in succession. Only recently Guldahl won the Masters' tournament at the Augusta National course with the remarkable score of 279—a record for an event in which only the acknowledged experts of the game are permitted to compete.

Obviously, Guldahl, who, not so long ago, sold his clubs because of a belief that he was a failure, is one of the world's greatest golfers, though the impression he made when visiting this country two years ago was not very favourable. A tall, heavily-built man with a lumbering gait, and a rather sullen appearance, he is able to concentrate more profoundly on the task

in hand than any other golfer. "There never has been a player with deeper concentration," declares T. D. Armour, who has met every notable golfer in the period extending from the late Harry Vardon to the present era.

The capacity to concentrate so that all extraneous matters are blotted out both from the mind and eye is one of the features of Cotton's play, though it was conspicuously absent in his efforts in the £1,000 tournament at Moor Park. When a player is so fidgety, as he was on that occasion, that he has to request the spectators to refrain from talking, it is a clear sign something has gone wrong with his concentration. That was the explanation of Cotton's lowly position—twelfth place, which he shared with three others.

That Guldahl is a gambler is shown by some of the risks he took in the last nine holes in the Masters' tournament. For instance, at the 13th, a hole of 490 yards, he skied his drive and was left with a shot requiring a carry of 250 yards in order to clear a stream at the foot of the green. Taking a brassie, and hitting with all the power at his command, he put the ball five feet from the pin and collected an "eagle" 3. He beat Snead, who had finished in 280, and was receiving congratulations as the winner, by one stroke.

The Unexpected Happened

The circumstances were curiously reminiscent of those in the same tournament four years ago. Craig Wood stood on the verandah smilingly receiving the congratulations of his many friends and well-wishers. None had a chance to challenge him except Sarazen, and with four holes to play the task looked so hopeless that someone laid 100 to 1 against. But at the fifteenth, a hole of 500 yards, Sarazen holed a full brassie shot for a 2—in golfing language an "albatross." This miracle shot robbed Craig Wood of the first prize of £500.

Though having no Open championship to his credit, Snead won more money in the last season than any professional has ever won before, the actual prize-money being in the neighbourhood of £5,000. He has yet many years in which to win the classic events, and it is not at all unlikely that Snead may prove to be the supreme golfer of the next decade, as was Jones in the eight years from 1923 to 1930. Because of his exalted position Snead's methods are calculated to affect the trend of style of the future, as did Jones's methods during the height of his fame.

There are points of similarity between the two, the swing in each case being full with the club at the top falling below the horizontal position. This is strikingly different from the method of Cotton, who has been chiefly responsible for popularising in this country the half to three-quarter type of swing.



WALTER HAGEN.

Standing well away from the ball, Snead swings the club back with a rigidly straight left arm, and in an unusually wide arc. Neither Guldahl nor Snead has played at St. Andrews, and they may hate the course just as much as did Jones when he first played there.

Locke is another of the overseas players whose challenge for the Open must be treated with the same measure of respect as that of the Americans. This amazing youth, who is only twenty-one, recently won the South African Open for the fourth time in five years. Argentina is to be represented by a team of six professionals, among them Jose Jurado and M. Churio, who were at Carnoustie for the Open of 1931. On that occasion Jurado would have won the title but for a fatal mistake at the seventy-first hole, where he ballooned his drive into a winding burn. He lost to Armour by a stroke.

THE DERBY

BLUE PETER WINS GREAT RACE

London, To-day.

The Derby run at Epsom to-day resulted in a triumph for Lord Rosebery, his horse, which was the favourite, winning by four lengths from the second favourite, ridden by the champion jockey. Result:

Blue Peter (E. Smith)	1
Fox Cub (Gordon Richards) ..	2
Heliopolis (Perryman)	3

Twenty-seven ran. The betting on Blue Peter was 7-2, on Mr. Edward Esmond's Fox Cub 100-6, and on Lord Derby's Heliopolis 100-9. Three lengths separated second and third.

Also ran: Triguero (Burns), Vesperian (Elliott), Romeo II (Brethes), Hastings (Jones), Admiral's Walk (Harry Wragg), Dhori (Smirke), Maunakea (Beary), Fair Chance (Rickaby), Fairfax (Lowrey), Major Brackey (Simpson), King's Legend (Carls), Buxton (Stephenson), Rogerstone Castle (Marshall), Atout Maitre (Sibbritt), Casanova (Nevett), Hypnotist (Beasley), Ortiz (Lane), Dilbnotist (Bartlam), Fairstone (Cliffe Richards), Wheatland (Taylor), Bellchard (Sam Wragg), Larchfield (Sprague), Pointis (D. Smith), Salford II (Herve).—Renter.

RACE DESCRIBED

The horses got away to a good start, except Bellman and Fair Chance, who got slowly into stride. Heliopolis sprinted into the lead from Rogerstone Castle, Dhori, Major Brackey, Fairfax, and Wheatland.

Hypnotist and Blue Peter were in the middle of the field, and on the outside was Larchfield, which took the lead after three furlongs from

SOME IDEAS ON SUBJECT OF

Brighter Cricket

Bright ideas for brighter cricket are no longer seasonal growths; with the game's malaise apparent wherever it is played, all the year round, they are permanently in fashion. And, as the "professors" say with quite pardonable heat, they come from all quarters, knowledgeable and otherwise, writes a correspondent in the "Sports Dispatch."

There is every excuse for that, for the knowledgeable ones have a most disconcerting way of differing. We are very impressed when a respected critic tells us that all the talk of over-prepared wickets is so much parrot-talk—until we remember who some of the parrots are. Test selectors, Test players, county captains. . . . When the angels so grievously differ, it is little wonder that the fools wander in.

Having thus carefully prepared the way, may I introduce, with as much seriousness as the next man, a little fancy that occurred to me a day or two ago? It is that batsmen should play their cricket without pads.

NOT ATHLETIC LOOKING

The "ideological background" is that when a man is cumbered about the legs, and built up like a statue, he acquires what you might call the placid outlook of a statue. The next psychological step to a feeling of safety is perhaps a feeling of safety first. If the batsman had to be on the alert to guard his shins, perhaps he would be on the alert to score runs. He would hit the ball, in case it hit him. And—what is less arguable—if there were no pads, there would be no pad play.

Also from the ideological background comes the doubting query—Are these fellows, one-third immersed in protective covering, very athletic-looking? You have probably asked yourself subconsciously when you saw an American Rugby player fitted out for the fray, "Is it a game he is going to play?" Contrast our own men in Rugger strip. They look athletes!

So does a bowler in cricket, or a fielder, but the batsman. . . . The wicket-keeper we would not interfere with, and the batsmen might even be conceded concealed shin guards, like soccer players, but not those very apparent, mind-and-body deadening leg leads.

I leave the suggestion there—with the complacent thought that it is not myself I am sending out to the middle, thus unguarded, to face the coming "music" of L. N. Constantine.

Wheatland, Heliopolis, Buxton and Hastings.

Blue Peter, running eighth or ninth, followed Hypnotist. A large field was still in front of Heliopolis and Wheatland at the top of the hill.

Blue Peter was now making ground rapidly, just behind Rogerstone Castle and Fairfax, with Fair Chance a long way behind.

Blue Peter was still going up steadily, approaching Tattenham Corner, and at the turn for home had taken second place to Larchfield.

Rogerstone Castle was third, just in front of Casanova, Hypnotist and Heliopolis.

TOOK LEAD

A hundred yards after the turn Heliopolis and Blue Peter disputed the lead, with Hypnotist and A Tout Maitre, with Fox Cub showing up prominently on the outside. Blue Peter took the lead two and a half furlongs from home, followed by Casanova, Fox Cub and Heliopolis.

Fox Cub passed Heliopolis and looked likely to overhaul Blue Peter, until Smith used his whip. Blue Peter then shot forward again and won comfortably. Casanova was fourth, Buxton fifth, Admiral's Walk sixth, Hypnotist seventh, Pointis eighth, Ortiz ninth, Fairstone Salford last.

The time was 2 minutes 36.4/5 seconds.—Renter.

YACHT RACING

The Ancient Amateur Problem

Yacht-racing is one of the few sports in which a competitor can accept a money prize and still remain an amateur, the theory being that the cost of maintaining a racing yacht is so great that it is impossible for the owner to make money from his sport.

That may be so in the open International classes, but in the case of classes of small one-design boats, of which there are now so many in existence, where the cost of upkeep is very small, it is quite possible for the accounts of a successful owner to show a credit balance at the end of the season. But ever since Charles II. introduced the sport into this country and sailed matches on the Thames against

his brother the Duke of York, yachting prizes have for the most part taken the form of hard cash.

A movement has recently been started, however, to eliminate money prizes from the sport, and the question has been much discussed of late where yachtsmen congregate. It originated on the Clyde, where J. G. Stephen brought up the matter at a recent conference of club representatives. The idea briefly is to discontinue the custom of giving prizes for individual races, but at the end of the season to award to a winner a small piece of plate, say an ashtray, engraved with his yacht's record.

RESOURCES TAXED

The suggestion has received a good deal of support, particularly from the smaller clubs, whose resources are

often severely taxed by having to provide prizes for so many races, in which sometimes the competitors are visiting yachts, which come and go without materially increasing the revenue of the club. Such clubs are dependent upon donations to a prize fund, and the season's programme has to be arranged long before the subscription list is closed. If there is a deficit it has to be made up from the club funds; and cruising members, who have no interest in the racing, are consequently penalised.

As compensation for the absence of prizes it is suggested that entrance fees should be reduced to a nominal amount in classes in which paid hands are not employed, but in the case of yachts carrying professional crews it should be increased by a sum propor-

COMIC TENNIS REGULATIONS

The fine play of the Hungarian girl Zsuzsi Kormoczy, who, at 14 years of age, is being hailed as a second Suzanne Lenglen, draws attention to one of those ridiculous tennis regulations which have such a repressing effect on the game. Although Miss Kormoczy has only lost one single since coming to England and has beaten some of our leading players, she cannot play at Wimbledon this year—because she is too young.

tionate to the number of hands so as to provide sufficient funds for paying in "racing money."



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Joe Jacobs And Mike Mc Tigue Take Trip Into Enemy Territory

By Leo Fuller

When Ku Klux Klan Tried To Steal World Boxing Title

WHEN Joe Jacobs, now famous as Max Schmeling's American manager, stepped off the train on to the little station at Columbus, Georgia, and snuffed the balmy, southern air, he little realised he was on the threshold of one of the grimmest adventures of his lively life.

With him he had the light heavy-weight champion of the world, Mike McTigue, the gritty Irishman, whom he had piloted for world honours. They were down in Georgia to defend their championship against Young Stribling, the Georgia Peach, and the white hope of the Southlands.

It had taken more than a little courage to go into the enemy's territory and defend those hard-won laurels. Partisanship ran high, and unquestionably there would be few people at the ringside rooting for McTigue. However, with true managerial shrewdness, Jacobs had insisted on a New York referee, by the name of Harry Ertle, from whom he expected a fair deal, despite the crowd's reaction.

McTigue had been training for a week when the trouble started. Smashing at the heavy bag, he had twisted his left hand and fractured a finger. The injury failed to respond to treatment, and Jacobs at once informed the promoter that the fight would have to be postponed. A qualified doctor had examined McTigue and told him that it would be dangerous to proceed with the battle.

Jacobs knew there would be great local disappointment at this decision, but little did he anticipate the events of the next two days!

"The Fight Goes On!"

Late that afternoon there was a knock on the door of their hotel room, and in walked a crowd of some twenty men. Nine of them walked over to the Irishman and solemnly examined the hand. Gravely they announced their opinion that it was in perfect shape, and eventually the spokesman, a tall, sombre giant, faced Jacobs and said: "These men are all doctors—the fight goes on!"

With that they all turned around and trooped out. Immediately Jacobs knew the men with whom he had to deal. They were representatives of the dreaded Ku Klux Klan, that band of self-elected law enforcers, who were then at the height of their evil power. They were 'Anti-Catholic, anti-Jew and anti-Negro.' And bitterly Jacobs cursed when he fully understood his predicament—there he was, a Jewish manager with an Irish Catholic fighter, and with their world championship at stake!

McTigue and Joe stayed in for the rest of the afternoon, but gradually a crowd swelled round the hotel, until there were 2,000 angry people hurling insults from the street below. Suddenly there was an even louder cry, and, looking out Jacobs saw a train of wagons being driven back and forth, on the sides of which were scrawled in yellow crayon—

FIGHT OR FLIGHT. MIKE MCTIGUE YOU ARE YELLOW.

For hours the multitude stayed there, whilst hastily printed circulars were passed around, and the temper of the mob sharpened.

All that night the exits were watched by Klansmen, and after an uneasy night Jacobs and McTigue received another visit from the deputation.

"You'll fight to-morrow, or we'll ship you back in boxes," threatened the huge leader.

"You're Not Kidding Me"

But Joe answered savagely. "Listen, I was brought up in Hell's Kitchen, and that's where they have real toughs. You're not kidding me." "No," replied the leader conversationally, and pointing to a tree outside the hotel, "then the pair of you will end up hanging from that, if there is no fight!"

Jacobs was positively bristling, his eternal cigar sticking out almost vertically from a corner of his mouth, but before he had time to answer McTigue pushed him aside and walked through the window, out on to the balcony, and stood there facing the mob. "I have a bad hand," he announced in a loud voice. "But they tell me I've



JOE JACOBS fooled the Ku Klux Klan.

got to fight or be lynched. Well, I've a wife and kids, so I'm forced to go through with it. I shall be in the ring with Stribling this afternoon."

Mike had made the decision, so all Joe could do was to stick with him. He pumped the hand full of novacaine, and that afternoon the two of them ducked under the ring ropes before a packed arena. Then commenced one of the most dramatic fights of McTigue's life.

A champion, fighting with a disabled hand before a hostile crowd, he met the surging rushes of the tigerish Stribling, smashing piston left hands into the challenger's face. Using his wizard footwork and brilliant boxing to the full, McTigue put up the battle of his life, while Joe Jacobs crouched in his corner, knowing that never before had the Tiger been in such great danger.

Stribling never ceased attacking from the first bell, and, halfway through the contest the 'dope' lost its effect, so that every blow thrown with the left hand brought agony to the Irishman.

Little Could Be Done

Yet he kept on grimly. When he returned to his corner, Jacobs attended to him as best he could, but little could be done in the short minute interval between rounds. Mike's defence was brilliant, and time and time again he tied up the flashing, eager Stribling. And it was in the last two rounds that McTigue, drawing on his indomitable spirit and fading reserves of strength, threw two heavy right hands, and caught the Georgian as he was coming in. Stribling staggered back for a moment, his eyes glazing, and his knees sagging. But he pulled himself together, and padded forward again, scoring with left hooks to the body.

The last round was sensational, with the challenger going all out for a knock-out, and McTigue battling to stay on his feet and hold the lead which he had hammered out in the earlier rounds. At last the final gong echoed over the arena, and, sweating and panting, the men returned to their corners.

Referee Apprehensive

Apprehensively Jacobs looked around. He knew McTigue had won, but he also knew the effect his victory would have on the crowd. He glanced at Ertle, the referee. The latter, a New Yorker, was also apprehensive, and plainly unsure of the line of action to take. Round the ring sat grim rows of Klansmen.

Suddenly, drawing a deep breath, Ertle flung out both arms horizontally, indicating a drawn fight, and bolted like a Jack rabbit through the ropes. He was just jumping to the ground when an angry roar burst from the spectators, and in a twinkling of an eye the ring was invaded by furious Klansmen, carrying guns, hammers and sticks and all kinds of weapons. They forced Ertle back into the ring, and menacingly insisted that he reverse the decision and give Stribling the championship. Never before has such a scene been witnessed in a boxing ring. Jacobs had previously taken the precaution of having a dozen soldiers from a local fort in McTigue's corner. Now they gathered around the fighter with drawn guns, protecting him.

Ertle tried to argue, but he was knocked down. The crowd's roar increased, but at this minute the promoter saved the day. Jumping forward, he raised Stribling's hand at the same time shouting: "Winnah and noo champeen...!"

The roars changed to cheers, and then Jacobs elected to force his way outside, with McTigue in the middle of a wedge of soldiers, enter a car and drive, with the Irishman still in his boxing togs, to a friendly priest's house.

For hours they hid there, and when night came they lay on the floor, having switched out all the lights, in order to foil any snipers.

6-Hour Nightmare Ride

They had been robbed of the title, but they could think about that when they got away with their skins.

In the dead of night they all piled into a car and set out on a nightmare ride of six hours to Atlanta. At any moment they expected ambush, and suddenly through the driving rain Jacobs spied a lamp waving in the darkness.

"Here it comes," he yelled, and the soldiers drew their guns, whilst the driver trod on the gas and thundered down the road at eighty miles an hour.

But it was a false alarm—merely a man broken down on the road. They breathed again. At last, at seven in the morning, they arrived at Atlanta in a mud-splashed car, tired, unshaven and weary, and McTigue still in his boxing togs under a heavy overcoat.

But he wasn't to get to bed yet. Jacobs grabbed a telephone and rang up all the sports writers, insisting that they get out of bed and come to the hotel. Then he made Harry Ertle sign an affidavit to the effect that McTigue won the fight, thus retaining his light heavyweight championship of the world, and my first decision was the correct one.

Thus did Joe Jacobs outwit the Ku Klux Klan, and McTigue after three decisions, rightfully kept his championship of the world. The whole adventure is unique in boxing history, and will never be repeated, because now the power of the Ku Klux Klan is broken, and no longer are there drawn guns at a ringside.

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Saturday—Tale of a tough guy.

MIXED DOUBLES TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent United Services Recreation Club in their Mixed Doubles League tennis match against Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow afternoon:—

W. A. H. Duff and Miss M. Griffiths; L. Goldman and Miss A. Taylor; Comdr. and Mrs. L. Clifford. The following will represent K.C.C. E. C. Fincher and Mrs. O. Burnett; A. E. P. Guest and Mrs. Clark; G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Sweetey.

England's Easy Victory Over Rumania

Bucharest, To-day. — In the international soccer match between England and Rumania, England won by 2 nil after being a goal up at the interval.

There were 40,000 spectators, a record gate for Rumania.

England displayed fine combination and were easily the better team although Goulden was fortunate to score the first goal in the eighth minute when the Rumanian right back was forced to play on the wing through injury.

Conditions were more favourable to England than most Continental matches. The weather was overcast and the pitch in good condition. The game became a little rough in the second half when the Englishmen's robust style upset the Rumanians.

Welch scored England's second goal eight minutes after the interval but, although England had numerous other scoring opportunities, she appeared content with her lead. — Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

FIRST DIVISION

K.B.G.C.
A. S. Russell, L. A. R. Duncan, A. J. Hall and R. Duncan (skip).
F. Cheesman, S. M. White, W. S. Drake and W. Macfarlane (skip).
W. L. Walker, T. E. Robson, J. C. Gill and A. M. Holland (skip).
Reserve: F. A. Peckham.
C.C.C.
J. W. Leonard, K. M. Omar, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

A. M. Omar, W. Ward, J. S. Landolt and U. M. Omar (skip).
A. A. Razack, L. C. R. Souza, C. S. Rosselet and R. Basa (skip).
K.B.G.C.
R. P. Phillips, V. C. Dixon, H. White and J. G. Meyer (skip).
E. V. Searle, K. C. Hamilton, H. E. Drew and G. E. F. Thompson (skip).
T. Armstrong, L. G. Coombes, D. W. Waterton and J. S. Logan (skip).
C.C.C.
J. H. Xavier, E. McNay, H. W. Randall and M. A. R. Souza (skip).
A. J. Coelho, E. Zimmern, M. J. Medina and J. Cavanagh (skip).
W. J. Penny, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, T. Locke and W. K. Way (skip).
H.K.F.C.
J. S. Howell, E. L. Strange, J. Beach and J. A. R. Selby (skip).
R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, W. J. Reid and A. Brooksbank (skip).
W. Kershaw, G. E. Stephens, L. Lammert and N. Bebbington (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

R.H.K.Y.C.
G. H. Bond, J. Owen Hughes, A. Nissim and A. W. Brown (skip).
W. A. Cornell, A. D. Humphreys, P. S. Cassidy and G. E. Costello (skip).
W. J. Hansen, L. E. N. Ryan, A. S. Mitchell and B. E. Maughan (skip).
H.K.F.C.
C. G. Solis, H. G. Wallington, S. Cressey and V. Walker (skip).
F. Anslow, C. H. Needham, J. Ralston and H. H. Pegg (skip).
E. Casey, J. H. Gelling, T. Rowell and J. Russell (skip).
C.C.C.
S. R. Solina, Van der Lely, A. B. Hamson and G. Ladd (skip).
L. Gaddi, F. Petersen, Dr. C. W. Lam and John Pau (skip).
John P. Lee, E. Kerrison, G. A. Payne and W. McNeill (skip).

Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto

To-day's Wireless

Third And Fourth Acts Of Verdi's "Aida"

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" Overture... Light Opera Orchestra. 'Tis Mabel; Poor Wand'ring One... Elsie Griffin & Chorus of Girls. What Ought We To Do, Gentle Sisters, Say?... Nellie Briercliffe & Nellie Walker. How Beautifully Blue The Sky... Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham & Chorus of Girls. Oh! Dry The Glistening Tear... Elsie Griffin & Chorus of Girls. Then, Fred'ric, Let Your Escort, Lion-Hearted... George Baker & Derek Oldham. When The Foeman Bares His Steel... Leo Sheffield, Elsie Griffin, Nellie Briercliffe & Chorus. Now For The Pirates' Lair; When You Had Left Out Pirate Fold... Derek Oldham, Peter Dawson & Dorothy Gill.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Turner Layton and Primo Scala's Accordion Band. Song Of The Lift (Damerell-Evans); Old Ship O' Mine (Pelosi-Arden) Primo Scala's Accordion Band. Water Boy (arr. Robinson); Cool River (Johnstone & Layton)... Turner Layton (Tenor) with Piano.

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Don't Save Your Smiles (Coots-Fio Rito); She Came From Alsace Lorraine (Ilda-Carr)... Primo Scala's Accordion Band. A Waltz Was Born In Vienna (Crocker & Loewe); It's Great To Be In Love Again (Koehler & McHugh)... Turner Layton (Tenor) at the Piano. Medley: Intro: Alone; Poor Little Angelina; Goody Goody... Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Harry Roy's Orchestra and His Tiger-Ragamuffins. Say, "Si, Si"—Rumba; It's The Natural Thing To Do—Fox-Trot (film 'Double or Nothing')... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Someday Sweetheart—Fox-Trot; That's A Plenty—Quickstep... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins. Everybody's Swingin' It Now—Fox-Trot; Ev'ry Time I Look At You—Fox-Trot (film 'Dancing Feet')... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. From Monday On (Crosby-Barris); She's Funny That Way (Moret-Whiting)... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

Margie—Quickstep; Avalon—Fox-Trot... Harry Roy & His Orch.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Sam Browne (Baritone) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Gone—Fox-Trot (film 'Love on the Run'); When Is A Kiss Not A Kiss—Fox-Trot (film 'Champagne Waltz')... Roy Fox & His Orch. I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers (film 'It's love again'); Would You (film 'San Francisco')... Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra. With Plenty Of Money And You—Fox-Trot (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); Let's Put Our Heads Together—Fox-Trot (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937')... Roy Fox & His Orchestra. The One Rose (Lyon & McIntyre); A Star Fell Out Of Heaven (Gordon & Revel)... Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra. Let's Call The Whole Thing Off—Fox-Trot (film 'Shall we Dance'); They Can't Take That Away From Me—Fox-Trot (film 'Shall we Dance')... Roy Fox & His Orch.

7.35 p.m.—Tangos and Waltzes. Ich Liebe Dich, Waltz (Waldteufel, Op. 177); An Dich, Waltz (Waldteufel, Op. 150)... Vienna Boheme Orchestra. La Punalada—Tango: Se Lo Llevaron—Tango... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Blue Danube—Waltz (Strauss); Vienna Blood—Waltz (Strauss)... De Groot & The Piccadilly Orch. Tu Sais—Tango; Jalousie—Tango... Xavier Cugat & His Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Rachmaninoff including his Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30. Polichinelle... Leff Pouishnoff (Piano).

Prelude In G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5; Prelude In C Sharp Minor, Op. 8, No. 2... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler. Concerto No. 3 In D Minor, Op. 30... Vladimir Horowitz (Piano) & The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

8.50 p.m.—Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

Stradella—Overture (von Flotow—arr. Balfour)... Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.

Ach, So Fromm, Ach, So Traut ("Martha"—Flotow)... Joseph Schmidt & The Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstich (Sung in German). Dancer Of Seville (Grunow); The Two Imps (Alford)... Sir Dan Godfrey cond. the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. La Danza (Rossini); L'Ariatella (Biscardi)... Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with Orch. (Sung in Italian).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs", by H. Wickham Steed.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Two Cello Solos by Rudolf Dietzmann. Czardas (Adolphe Fischer). Papillon (David Popper)... with Piano accomp.

9.56 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida" Acts III & IV. Singers in order of appearance: Maria Capuana; Tracredi Pasero; G. Arangi-Lombardi; Armando Borgio; Aroldo Lindi; and full Chorus of La Scala Milan with Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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♠ 7 3
♥ A K Q 8 4
♦ K 10 6 2
♣ A 5

♠ A 8 5
♥ J 9 7 6 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ J 2

♠ N
♥ W
♦ E
♣ S

♠ K Q J 9
♥ 6 2
♦ J 9 7 5 8
♣ 8 4

♠ 10 4
♥ 10 5 2
♦ Q
♣ K Q 10 9 7 6 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	3♣	4♣
4♣	5♣	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Redbl.	Pass	Pass

East's jump overcall of three spades was strictly a nuisance bid, and was really very successful.

South did not feel like being shut out with his seven-card suit. West quite properly raised his partner to four, and then when North bid five clubs, East saw a chance for a brilliant double, feeling certain that his partner would read that he could be doubling on only one thing—a void in hearts.

Sure enough West reasoned: "My partner cannot be doubling on strength in clubs, nor does he have the Ace of either spades or diamonds. He must be void of hearts."

However West decided to have a look around and laid down the Ace of diamonds. A look at dummy confirmed the fact that the double was based on a void of hearts.

West led a heart, East ruffed, put his partner in with a spade, ruffed another heart and cashed another spade trick, thereby setting the redoubled contract three tricks.

You were the dealer yesterday and held:

♠ K Q J 10
♥ A Q 5 4 3
♦ 3 2
♣ 6 4

What do you bid?

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one spade. The hand is too strong to pass and is one of the rare instances where we prefer opening on a four-card suit in preference to a five-card suit, the reason being of course that we wish to show both our suits and are not strong enough to bid a heart first and then two spades later.

Score 100% for one spade, 80% for one heart, 20% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 108

You are Declarer at six clubs in a Rubber Bridge game.

Dummy holds:

♠ K Q 5
♥ Q 2
♦ A Q J 4
♣ J 4 3 2

You hold:

♠ A 8 3 2
♥ A K
♦ K 6 5
♣ A Q 6 5

How do you play the trumps? (Answer Monday.)

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Start Cheering". A gay swinging story of college life. The brilliant cast includes Jimmy Durante, Walter Connolly, Joan Perry, Charles Starrett, Professor Quiz, Gertrude Niessen and Johnny Green and his orchestra.

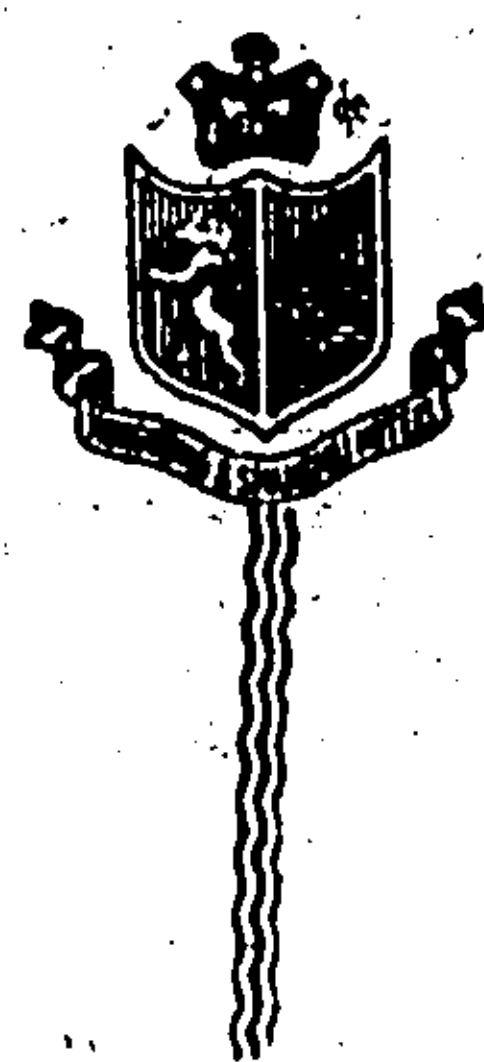
AT THE MAJESTIC—"Three Comrades". Erich Maria Remarque's great story of three heroic war veterans who find that they have lived through the horrors of war to face the greater Robert Taylor, Margaret Sullivan, Franchot Tone, Robert Young, Guy Kibbee, Lionel Atwill and Henry Hull.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Boy Slaves", with Anne Shirley and Roger Daniel. The story of "Boy Slaves" centres on a group of juvenile outlaws whose wayward activities finally lead them to being paroled to a turpentine camp owner. Anne Shirley is cast as a young housekeeper for the latter, and her efforts to help the boys escape bring about tense dramatic complications.

AT THE KING'S—"Hold That Co-Ed." When Governor John Barrymore brings his co-ed state university into politics and Joan Davis joins the football team as the only female full-back in the world, it paves the way for a film that is even faster and funnier than "So This Is College." The cast includes George Murphy, Marjorie Jack Haley, George Barbier and Ruth Terry.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Adventure's End", with John Wayne, Diana Gibson. A thrilling sea story framed against a Southern Seas background and tells of the adventure of one who comes aboard a whaling vessel after he has obtained a fortune in pearls from natives in spite of their efforts to kill him.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1939.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mok King Fung is no longer the English Secretary of our firm, his service having been terminated on the 21st day of May, 1939.

CHUNG YUEN ELECTRIC CO.,
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Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1939.

THE HONG KONG
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THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 27th and MONDAY, 29th May, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noon on the First Day and at 11.00 a.m. on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1939.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 26th. May, 1939,
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Hong Kong, 23rd. May, 1939.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday, the 27th. May, 1939
commencing at 10.30 a.m.
at No. 134, Austin Road,
1st. Floor, Kowloon.

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One Dining Room and one Bed
Room Suites.

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One Frigidaire.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

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Hong Kong, 24th May, 1939.
May Road.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 30th. May, 1939
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Kowloon.

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Hong Kong, 26th May, 1939.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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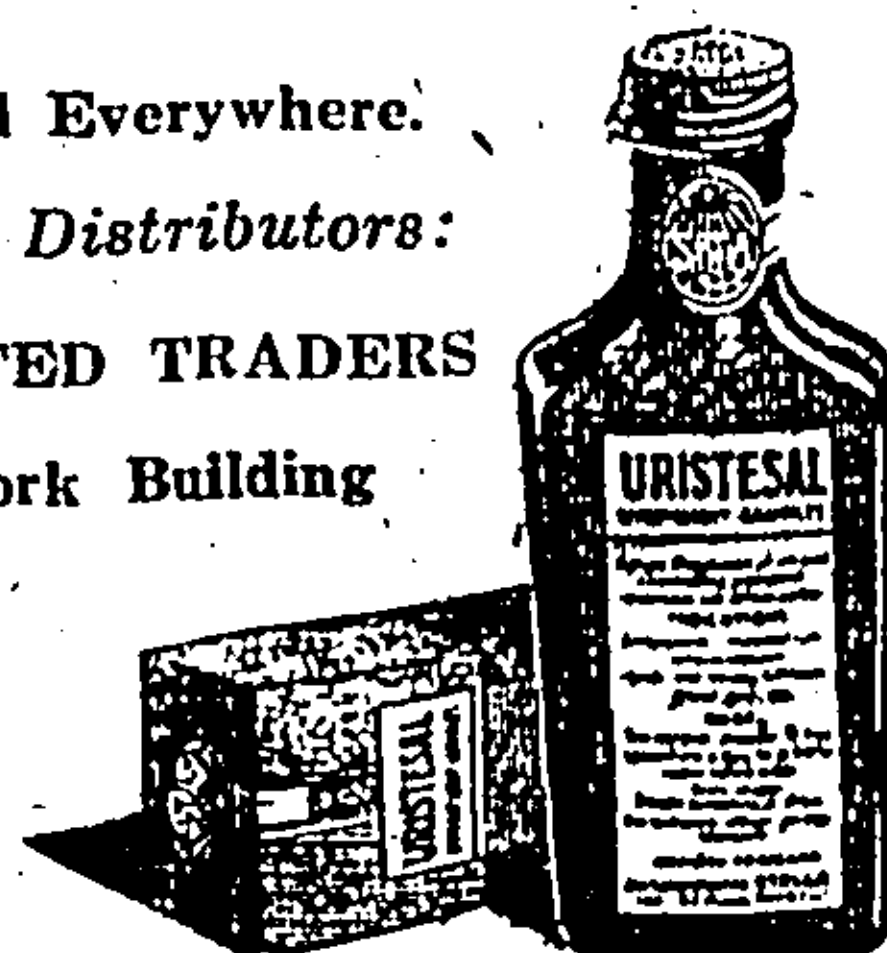
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GREAT FIRE DISASTER

Tallin (Esthonia),
To-day.

ACCORDING to reports from Petseri, 200 houses have been destroyed by a conflagration which raged there for about four hours yesterday.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 inhabitants have been rendered homeless.

Two perished in the flames and eight others were gravely injured.

Troops and defence corps units assisted the local and other fire brigades in fighting the fire.

Property loss runs into millions. Provisions and other supplies have been rushed for relief of the stricken population.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE

The conflagration started in a wooden shed and spread with amazing rapidity, so that in less than an hour the entire centre of the town was ablaze.

The town hall, two banks, two hotels, a cinema and large store-houses were completely demolished by the flames.

A strong wind carried sparks to two villages near Petseri, setting fire to several houses. At 6 o'clock last evening the two villages were still in flames.

An historic monastery near Petseri, built in the 15th Century and containing priceless art treasures, escaped damage. — Trans-Ocean.

GUERRILLAS DISTURB JAPS. ROUND PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

The spokesman of the Japanese army admits that Japanese troops are now engaged in an action with Chinese guerillas in the vicinity of Chaiting, at Mentoukou, west of Peiping.

Japanese reinforcements are now on their way to this mountainous region.

The immediate cause of the present action against the guerillas was an attack on Japanese engineers who were surveying the region in question in order to ascertain whether the construction of a railway line through the valley of the river of Hunho was feasible.

Japanese troops who rushed to the assistance of the Japanese engineers were machinegunned by the Chinese guerillas in a narrow path between Chuwo and Fuchian-tai.

The Japanese troops are said to have suffered considerable losses.

Reinforcements are now on the way to this mountainous region and have been ordered to destroy the numerous machine gun-nests which the guerillas have prepared on the mountain tops and other points and to make the region safe by extensive mopping up operations. The total number of Chinese irregulars operating in this region is estimated at about 2,000 by the Japanese military authorities. — Trans-Ocean.

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JAPS. BROUGHT TO STANDSTILL

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THE CHINESE FORCES ADVANCING FROM SIANGYANG, IN NORTH-WEST HUPEH, AND WHICH ARE RE-OCCUPYING POSITIONS ABANDONED BY THE JAPANESE, HAVE NOW REACHED SUISHIEN, 70 KILOMETRES SOUTH-EAST OF TSAO-YANG, ON THE HANKOW ROAD.

Latest reports state that the offensive launched by the Japanese from Yochow, in north Hunan, on the shores of Tungting Lake, has been brought to a standstill.

Very heavy fighting took place at Kongchow.

Withdrawal of the Japanese troops in north Hupeh, it will be recalled, was admitted several days ago by the Japanese spokesman in Shanghai. — Trans-Ocean.

JAP. TRAWLER'S PIRACY

Robbery on the high seas by a Japanese armed trawler is reported by two Chinese who had their junks taken away from them.

Chan Wing, master of boat No. 496, and Chan Yu-tan, master of boat No. 1720H, report that about 4 p.m. on May 13, they were stopped off Ling Ting Island by a Japanese armed trawler.

The crew were forced into a small boat. The Japanese towed the two junks away. The first is valued at \$2,000 and the second, at \$800.

The men arrived safely at Cheung Chau Island four hours after the incident.

KING OF SYRIA

Beirut, To-day.

The paper "Berut" asserts that the establishment of a monarchical regime will be proclaimed in Syria before the end of this month.

Rumours of the impending establishment of a monarchical regime have been circulating for some time.

These rumours mention the names of certain members of the pro-British Hashamite dynasty as the most likely candidates for the throne of the Kingdom of Syria. — Trans-Ocean.



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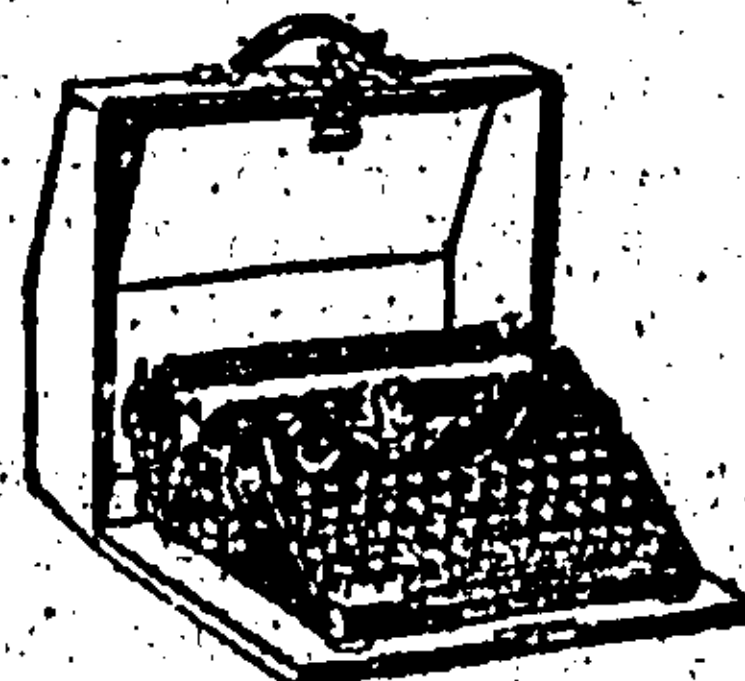
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